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by Fire Chief David Pisano

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- Contact your appropriate building official to ascertain whether a building permit is required for wood stove installation.

- Have the wood stove installed by a professional. Then have the completed installation inspected.

Once installed:

- Keep all flammable material at least three feet from the wood stove.

- Purchase a screen to place around the wood stove to prevent children and pets from being accidentally burned. Never leave children unattended in the room with the wood stove while a fire is burning.

- Burn only dry, well-seasoned wood.

- Never use a flammable liquid to start or revive

a fire in a wood stove. Many deaths have occurred by ignoring this one safety warning.

- Never use your wood stove to burn trash.
- Creosote is the product of incomplete combustion, and creosote build-up can cause a chimney fire. Opening the air inlets or the wood stove door and allowing the wood to burn freely for 10 to 15 minutes several times a week will reduce creosote build-up.

Know the signs of a chimney fire ... a loud roar, sucking sounds, and shaking pipes. Make sure everyone knows what to do. Practice fire drills and learn how to use a fire extinguisher.

If you think you have a chimney fire, call the fire department at 911 immediately. Cut off the fire's air supply by closing any intake vents in the firebox. Close the damper. Get everyone out of the house.

Dispose of ashes by placing them in metal containers. Do not put in paper bags or cardboard boxes. Ashes can retain enough heat to start a fire for several days. Wet ashes to make sure they are cold.

For additional installation tips and safety procedures, call the Agawam Fire Department at 786-2662.

Senior Center Seeks Volunteers To Help The Elderly With Shoveling Snow This Winter

The Agawam Senior Center is seeking volunteers to assist town elders in shoveling walks and driveways around their homes. A recent snowstorm did not allow the center to deliver meals from its Meals on Wheels Program.

"Snowstorms can further isolate homebound elders by not allowing us to visit them, deliver their meals, or not allowing them to walk to their

mailbox," said Council on Aging Director Richard Mundo.

The Center is hoping that churches, schools, and community groups will see this as an opportunity for their younger members to fulfill community service responsibilities.

To sign-up as a volunteer or for more information, call the Senior Center at 786-0400.

Agawam Chamber Hosting Annual Holiday Breakfast

The Agawam Chamber of Commerce will host a Holiday Breakfast on Friday, December 12th at the Oakridge Country Club.

Tickets are \$12 each. Musical entertainment will be provided by the Agawam High School "Holiday Horns."

Bring a canned good or unwrapped toy to donate to the Agawam Junior Women's Club "Holiday Basket" for needy families. Your donation will qualify you for the Chamber's Holiday Raffle prizes.

For more information, call Jennifer Howland at the Chamber office, 787-1555.

Donations Being Sought For Owners Of Burned Out Business

On Monday, October 6th, the Porth brothers, Uwe and Bodo, were injured in an explosion at their auto repair shop in Agawam (Porth Precision Automotive).

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Bodo was released from the hospital and is home recovering and doing well. Uwe went home from the hospital but had to return on Monday, November 10th to undergo a third skin graft operation.

In an attempt to help the families, friends, business contacts, and family members are being asked for their support in whatever way they are able.

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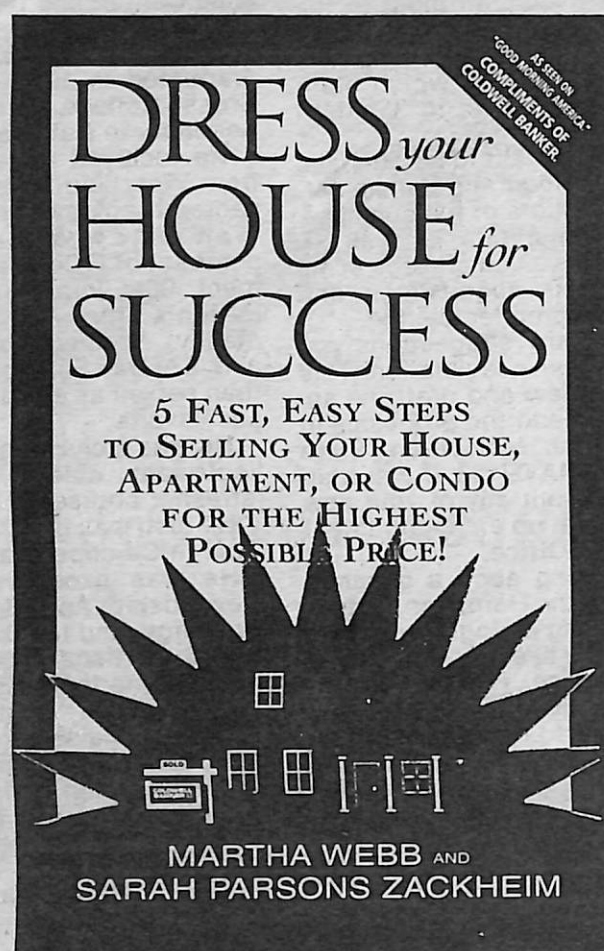
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Letters To The Editor

Melconian Seeks Public Input Regarding Future Legislation

To The Editor:

It is that time of year when we must begin to think of fresh legislative initiatives that we may want to file for the new term, beginning January 1, 1998. As you know, any legislation which was not acted upon during this past season will automatically be carried over to the 1998-99 Legislative term.

As your State Senator, I have always worked hard to cultivate a working relationship with my constituents that fosters maximum input in the legislative process. During the past year, I have met with many of you to hear your suggestions and recommendations for ways in which state government can better serve us in Western Massachusetts.

Each year at this time, I contact local officials, representatives of neighborhood and human service organizations, and members of the business, labor, and education communities as well as many other interested and involved citizens in my Senatorial District for their suggestions and recommendations on developing legislation.

Please contact me with any suggestions you may have for new and innovative legislation. This allows us ample time to review and draft the appropriate language. Please send the proposals in writing to: Senator Linda J. Melconian, State House, Room 320, Boston, MA 02133. If you wish to speak to me in person about any of your new ideas or proposals, please set up an appointment through Betty in my District Office.

My success in representing such a dynamic and diverse constituency as the Hampden District has resulted from a continuing dialogue with concerned and insightful people like you who are interested in good public policy. I welcome your valuable input, your suggestions, ideas, and proposals. I am looking forward to hearing from you.

With Best Wishes,
Linda J. Melconian
Assistant Majority Leader
Massachusetts Senate

Our next deadline is Tuesday, December 2nd, at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles that can be brought in on Monday, December 1st.

— Obituaries —

Rev. Karl Huller

The Rev. Karl Huller, 72, financial vicar of the Roman Catholic Diocese, and the rector of St. Michael's Cathedral, died in Holyoke after a two-year battle with cancer.

He was ordained at the cathedral in 1954 by Bishop Christopher J. Weldon, and his first assignment was as associate pastor of St. Mary's Parish in East Springfield for five years. He was then appointed instructor at the new Cathedral High School.

He served as guidance counselor and director of athletics until 1970, when he became the diocesan superintendent of schools. He led the closing or merging of 29 of 64 schools.

He was the pastor of St. John's Church in Agawam, and became rector of St. Michael's Cathedral in 1991. He rebuilt and expanded St. John's Church, and converted the former Bishop Beaven Cathedral Elementary School into a diocesan administrative center.

During the past two years, he supervised the design and construction of the Bishop John Marshall Center, and the renovation of the cathedral.

Born in Holyoke, he attended the former St. Jerome's Elementary and High Schools, and graduated in 1942. He was a graduate of Holy Cross College in Worcester, and St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, Maryland.

He received a master's degree in psychology from Westfield State College, and a licentiate in sacred theology from St. Mary's Seminary.

An Army veteran of World War II, he was first sergeant of F Company of the 358th Infantry Regiment, 90th Infantry Division, in Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army. He saw action in the Normandy, Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central Europe campaigns in 1944-45, and then served as aide to the military governor of Upper Bavaria.

He was a chaplain for 19 years, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, and directed chaplains' refresher courses at five Army posts.

He also was the chaplain at Westover Air Force Base in Chicopee Falls until its closing.

He was executive director of the Catholic Stewardship Appeal, the Bishop's Commission for Clergy, and the Diocesan Presbyteral Council; served on fiscal commissions; and was a consultant to the four bishops under whom he served.

He sat on trustee boards, including the Agawam Counseling Center; Providence and Mercy Hospitals, where he chaired the Medical Ethics Committee; and Springfield Technical Community College.

The Mass was held at St. Michael's Cathedral, with the burial at St. Jerome's Cemetery in Holyoke. Calling hours were held at the cathedral rectory, as well as an evening prayer vigil in the cathedral.

Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements, and memorial contributions may be made to the St. Michael's Cathedral memorial fund at 260 State Street, Springfield, MA 01103, or the Sisters of Providence infirmary fund at 5 Gamelin Street, Holyoke, MA 01040.

Ovila J. LaRoche

Ovila J. ("Ovie") LaRoche, 74, of 135 Prentice Street, Springfield, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

He was a 33-year lathe operator at Kidder-Stacy Co. of Agawam, and retired in 1985.

Born in Fitchburg, he was a longtime resident of Springfield.

He was a Navy radioman third class in World War II, and served with the Naval Armed Guard in

the Atlantic and Pacific theaters.

He did convoy duty aboard several merchant ships and tankers, including the SS Bayonne, SS Esso-New Orleans, and N-S Jumper Hitch. He received Atlantic and Pacific theater ribbons and a Victory Medal.

He was a communicant of St. Mary's Church in East Springfield, and belonged to the city's chapter of the Armed Guard Veterans Association.

He leaves his wife of 53 years, Elaine (Newton) LaRoche; a son, James of Springfield; a daughter, Cynthia Langlois of Westfield; two brothers, Norman J. of East Springfield and Henry J. of Chicopee; a sister, Cecile LaRoche of Springfield; two grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Grise Funeral Home of Chicopee and the church, with the burial in Hillcrest Park Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Easter Seals Society, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089, or the church at 840 Page Boulevard, East Springfield, MA 01104.

Lillian A. Mansfield

Lillian A. (Donnachie) Mansfield, 78, of 11 Liberty Avenue, Agawam, a retired clerk for Package Machinery in East Longmeadow, died at Mercy Hospital in Springfield.

Born in West Springfield, she lived in Springfield before moving to Agawam 40 years ago.

She was a 1936 graduate of the former Springfield Technical High School.

She belonged to the Agawam Congregational Church and was formerly active with its missionary committee. She was a member of the Agawam Golden Age Club.

Her husband, Charles W. Mansfield, died in 1989.

She leaves a brother, Edward J. of Southwick; two sisters, Martha A. Sinico of St. Petersburg, Florida, and Dorothy Ferrell of East Longmeadow; and several nephews and nieces.

The funeral was held at the Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Agawam Center Cemetery.

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Tuesday, December 2nd
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7:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 3rd
"Winter Concert" sponsored by Ag. Rotary Club
At Agawam Middle School, Main Street, Agawam
7:30 p.m.

Friday, December 5th
Agawam Cultural council presents the "Russian Evangelical Choir" (music for all seasons)
At Agawam Baptist Church, Main St., Agawam
7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 6th
Annual Christmas Bazaar by Catholic Women's Club of Agawam and St. John's Guild
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Anna M. Driscoll

Anna M. (Regnault) Driscoll, 100, formerly of Gooseberry Road, West Springfield, died in an Agawam nursing home.

Born in Springfield, she lived in West Springfield most of her life.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas Church and was a member of its Women's Club.

Her husband, William P. Driscoll, died in 1986, and a son, William L., died in 1978.

She leaves a son, Edward J.; two daughters, Catherine M. Stevenson and Anna L. Pagliano, both of West Springfield; nine grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation, 344 Harvard Street, Brookline, MA 02146.

Vincent S. Marceno

Vincent S. Marceno, 73, of 92 Gooseberry Road, West Springfield, died while vacationing in Venice, Italy.

He was the longtime owner of Vinnie's Hair Shop in Feeding Hills, and retired several years ago. He worked previously at Steve's Barber Shop in Agawam.

Born in Springfield, he lived in West Springfield most of his life.

He was an Army veteran of World War II, and served in the European and Pacific theaters.

He was a communicant of St. Ann's Church, and the financial secretary and an executive committeeman of the Dante Club.

He belonged to American Legion Post 207 and the Italian Cultural Center.

He leaves his wife, the former Mary J. LaVecchia; two sons, Vincent S. Jr. of Hartford, Connecticut, and Joseph of Cary, North Carolina; a brother, Stephen of Guilford, Vermont; two sisters, Marion Marceno of West Springfield and Dorothy Kelly of Auburn; and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be held on Wednesday, November 26th, at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with the burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

The calling hours are Tuesday afternoon and evening (November 25th), and memorial contributions may be made to any charity.

Samuel S. Simone

Samuel S. Simone, 83, of West Palm Beach, Florida, and a former longtime Agawam resident, died at his Florida home.

Born and schooled in Waterloo, New York, he was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He leaves his wife of 60 years, Anna (DiDonato) Simone; a son, Robert L.; a daughter, Sandra Bergeron; a brother, George; six grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at St. Juliana's Catholic Church, followed by burial in Hillcrest Memorial Park, all in West Palm Beach.

Mizell-Faville-Zern Southdale Chapels were in charge of the arrangements.

Alfred J. Forni, Jr.

Alfred J. Forni, Jr., 68, of 20 Castle Hills, Agawam, died in Springfield's Baystate Medical Center.

He was a toll collector for the state Turnpike Authority for 15 years, and retired in 1983.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of Trade High School (now Putnam Vocational High School). He lived in West Springfield for 37 years

before moving to Agawam in 1987.

He was an Army veteran of the Korean War, and belonged to Disabled American Veterans Chapter 55.

He was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church. He also was in the American Legion Post 207, the Forest Park Tennis Club, the Golden Age Club (Chapter 1) of Agawam, and the BMC senior class.

He leaves his wife, Eleanor F. (Ghedi) Forni; two sons, Kenneth A. Forni of Agawam and Michael J. Forni of Springfield; a daughter, Karen M. Forni-Austin of Norwich, New York; and five grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and the church, with the burial at St. Michael's Cemetery in Springfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Valentina Calkins

Valentina (Agnoli) Calkins, 81, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut, died in a local nursing home.

She worked for Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Division of United Technologies Corp. in East Hartford for 25 years, and for the former Springfield Telephone Co.

She was born in Feeding Hills, and was a 1933 graduate of Agawam High School.


She lived in Hartford before moving to Windsor Locks 50 years ago.

Her husband, Russell A. Calkins, died in 1987.

She leaves a daughter, Elizabeth Calkins of Vermont; a sister, Frances Castelvetti of Springfield; and nephews and nieces.

The funeral and burial were private, and Windsor Locks Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

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“WW II Concert” Earns Accolades From The Audience

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

It was standing room only at last week's concert highlighting the songs of the World War II era at the Agawam High School auditorium.

Long known affectionately as Agawam's Music Man, retired AHS band director Darcy Davis was dubbed “Mr. Agawam” by AHS Dean of Students Bernadette Conte. Mrs. Conte's remarks came at the close of a program that alternately had the audience in tears at the memory of the sacrifices of our vintage citizens during the war and on its feet with standing ovations for the performers.

The performance began with World War II veteran **Rose Haynes** reading the patriotic poem, “I Am Your Flag” and ended with veterans from all branches of the military marching into the auditorium to display the stars and stripes, as well as the flags from each branch of the service.

Conducted by Darcy Davis, the Senior Center Melody Band accompanied the choral performances and played the songs from each branch of the military as veterans from World War II, Korea, Vietnam, and the Persian Gulf in the audience were asked to stand and be recognized as their theme song was played.

For Agawam High School secretary **Linda Scheve**, it was the most emotional, heart-wrenching moment of the week's observances dedicated to remembering and honoring the patriotism of veterans from World War II for their service to the country.

Davis said the concert evolved from the concept of providing some opening songs for the presentation of a World War II movie, to a full evening of songs portraying various elements on the homefront and in the services when the difficulties of obtaining and screening a film proved insurmountable.

“Jumped In With Both Feet”

Abandoning the idea of showing a movie, Davis “jumped in with both feet” to bring together a chorus of senior citizens who love the music of the era and community members who love to sing. It didn't take long for the idea to streamroll into including the student choruses from the Middle School and Junior High, and the Show Choir from the High School.

Feeding Hills resident **Rita Giguere** was eager to attend the concert because, “This music is in our memory banks. It brings back so many memories.”

Mrs. Conte summed up the feelings of the audience in her closing remarks. “If it weren't for our veterans, we wouldn't have the freedoms we enjoy. There is no gift large enough on this earth to repay our veterans.”

In accepting the accolades of the audience, Davis said the 35 years he had spent as the band director at Agawam High School were the happiest days of his life.

“Happiness is doing what you love and loving what you do,” Davis said. “I thank the wonderful children of Agawam then and now.”

With Davis as their conductor, the Agawam Senior Center Melody Band counted among their number **Art Brunnell** (leader and bass), **Evelyn O'Melia** (piano), **Paul Brusseau** (violin), **Jim White** (organ), **Darcy Davis** (trumpet), **George David** (alto sax), and **Lu Parchick-Cauley** (vocalist).



IN TOP PHOTO: Members of the Agawam Senior Center Melody Band (from left to right): Art Brunnell, Evelyn O'Melia, Paul Brusseau, George David, Darcy Davis, James Gregor, and Jim White. IN PHOTO BELOW: The World War II Chorus during the concert at AHS on Wednesday, November 19th. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



The World War II Chorus members included Love Ashton, Ron Ashton, Gail Bates, Helen Boissonneault, Dennis Buell, Pat Buoniconti, Bernice Burton, Leanne Dion, Lillian Doyle, Rose Duquette, A. Stanley Edwards, Muriel Fearn, Arthur Femmel, Dennis Field, Jessie Fuller, Jill Giebutowski, Wilma Gillan, Stella Gorczyea, Marjorie Greenough, Clark Greenough, Robert Grifen, Lillian Haidemenos, Catherine Hallaman, Rose Haynes, Robert Keefe, Thelma Kerr, Barbara Kupec, Lorraine LeDuc, Eileen Lutat, Lou Massoia, Rita Matys, Nancy Miller, Dorothea Nardi, Leah Nessin, Jane Nunn, Lu Parchick-Cauley, Charlotte Pasquerella, Tom Pasquerella, Jeanette Poirier, David Skolnick, Genevieve Spiro, Genevieve Theroux, Madeline Thompson, Virginia Tippet, Arthur VonMarchall, Sue Wright, Rose Zingarelli, Carlo Zingarelli.



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Lions Club Donates \$1,500 To Agawam/ West Side Open Pantry

At the beginning of this holiday season, the Agawam Lions Club is pleased to donate its annual contribution of \$1,500, some canned goods, and produce to the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry. We support the efforts of this organization and its newly appointed director, Jennifer Cummings, not only in the feeding of the homeless, but in the other programs that they offer to the community.

The Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry (not affiliated with the Springfield Open Pantry) receives all of its funding from local churches and church groups, special projects run by supporters, and private donations.

The function that the Agawam Lions Club plays in the community continues to focus on the needs of the less fortunate, and supports any humanitarian effort. The many programs offered by the Open Pantry go far beyond their name, such as family counseling, child rearing, and abuse intervention programs. With our donation, we would hope that these, and possibly other programs, would continue to be offered within our communities.

If you support these projects, we would encourage your application for membership in the Agawam Lions Club or the Agawam Lioness Club so that we may continue to offer our support to this, and other worthy organizations. Please contact Bob Loomis, President of the Agawam Lions Club, at 789-1729.

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JENNIFER CUMMINGS (far right), the new Executive Director of the Agawam/West Springfield Open Pantry, receives a check from representatives of the Agawam Lions Club (from left to right): Mayor Christopher Johnson, Second Vice-President; Police Chief Robert Campbell, First Vice-President; and Bob Loomis, President of the Agawam Lions Club. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Lioness Club To Meet December 1st

The Agawam Lioness Christmas meeting will be held on Monday, December 1st, at Storowton Tavern.

Cocktails will be at 6:30 p.m., with dinner at 7:00 p.m. A Yankee Swap will be held for those who would like to bring a gift.

Canned goods will be accepted for the West Springfield Open Pantry. Gifts for children, such as mittens or toys, will be collected (they should not be wrapped).

The program will end with Christmas carolling.

"Holiday Wrapping" At Agawam Library

On Wednesday, December 3rd and Monday, December 15th from 6:30-7:30 p.m., Agawam and Feeding Hills families are invited to attend a "Holiday Wrapping" program at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street.

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Hypnotist Dan LaRosa To Perform Benefit Show At Agawam High

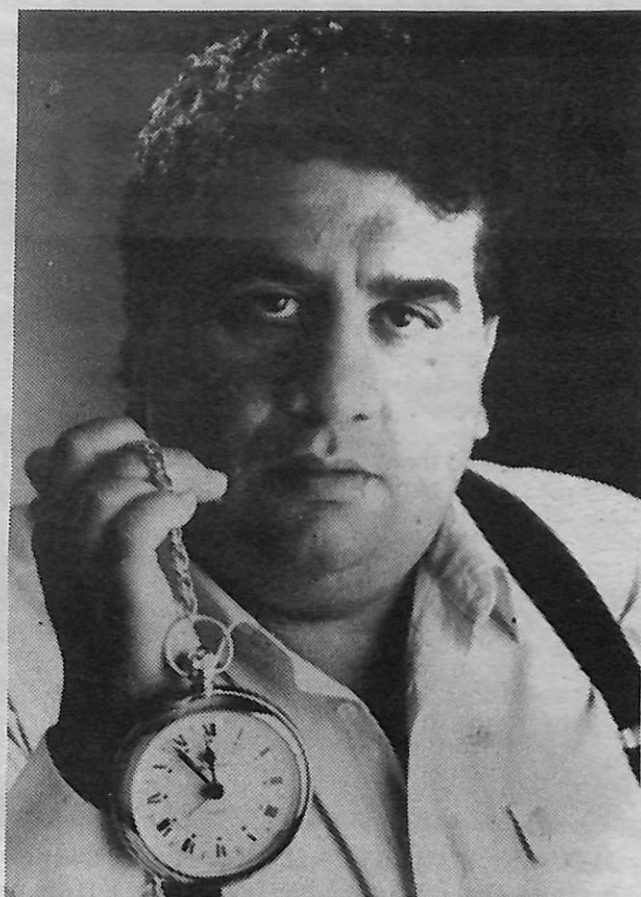
Will you be hypnotized? Will your friends? Thousands of people have enjoyed the pleasant state-of-relaxation that comes with being hypnotized and now you can too when THE HILARIOUS HYPNOTIST, Dan LaRosa performs a benefit show at Agawam High School on Tuesday, December 2nd at 7:00 p.m.

This fun show is for the entire family and everyone will have a good time, but those who volunteer to be hypnotized will have the most fun. That's because when you are relaxed, you will feel better than you ever have before. You will be free of stress and tension, and at the same time you will feel as if you had the most relaxing time of your life. Most psychologists agree that everyone can be hypnotized to certain degrees. While you are hypnotized, you will be aware of everything that happens and you will feel as though you were enjoying a pleasant daydream.

Dan LaRosa's amazing program has been presented to corporations, colleges, and high schools throughout the United States, Europe, and the Caribbean. He has helped people banish unwanted habits and has published articles on the benefits of hypnosis. Mr. LaRosa is a certified instructor for the National Guild of Hypnotists and is a member of the International Association of Counselors and Therapists. He was elected to the International Hypnosis Hall of Fame and is listed in *Who's Who in The East*.

Mr. LaRosa's HILARIOUS HYPNOSIS COMEDY SHOW is presented as a benefit for the Agawam High School's junior class. A capacity crowd is expected. Don't miss this wonderful entertainment; you will truly have a great evening! Tickets are available for \$4 for students in advance and \$5 at the door. Adults can get them for \$6 in advance by calling Mr. Cohen at 821-0519 or you can get them at the door for \$7. We hope to see you there.

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HYPNOTIST DAN LAROSA

Holiday Ornament By Jr. Women's Club Depicts Town Seal

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is pleased to announce that the 1997 Holiday Ornament is in and available at the following stores: Feeding Hills Public Market, Agawam Public Market, Surprise! Card & Gift, and the Corner Deli.

This year's ornament features Agawam's own Town Seal. The Town of Agawam was incorporated on May 17, 1855 after separating from the Town of West Springfield.

This is the seventh ornament in a series featuring historical sites in our hometown. Most of the previous years ornaments have sold out, however, a few of the 1992 ornaments featuring the Old Agawam Center Library and a few of the 1996 ornaments featuring the Agawam Fire House are available.

These ornaments have started a tradition with many families in Agawam, and the Agawam Junior Women's Club is proud to be a part of that! You can purchase one of these ornaments for \$5 at any of the stores listed above.

If you're interested in a 1992 or 1996 ornament, please call Pam Quirk (789-3274) or Betty Vershon (786-4357).

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts.

"Oldies Dance" Slated For Saturday, November 29th, At Springfield Turnverein

There will be an Oldies Dance at the Springfield Turnverein of Agawam, 176 Garden Street, in Feeding Hills, on Saturday, November 29th.

Two DJs will be playing for your dancing and listening pleasure. Music will be from the 50's and 60's and whatever is requested.

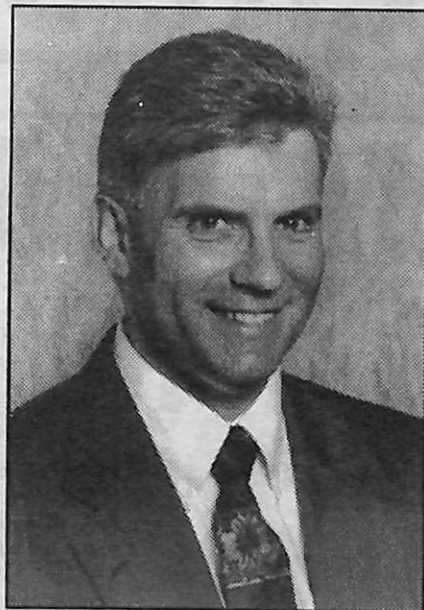
It will run from 8:00 p.m.-12:00 midnight. Donation is \$5 per person. Proceeds from the dance will go toward the outside lighting of the signs.

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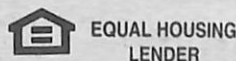
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Airman Jamie Thomas Graduates From Basic Military Training

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Jamie C. Thomas has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

Thomas is the daughter of Mary K. and Mark P. Thomas of 96 Strawberry Hill Road, Feeding Hills. She is a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School.

Upcoming Events Announced By Italian Women's Club

The December 14th Children's Christmas Party of the Italian Women's Club will be held at the Italian Cultural Center, 11 Acushnet Avenue, Springfield.

It is open to children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and godchildren of members. Those attending are asked to bring a gift for their child and a gift for a child in the shelter marked boy or girl and age of child.

This month's hostesses are Mrs. Gisella Grimaldi and Ms. Theresa Galluzzo. For more information, call Mrs. Grimaldi at 736-4431 or Ms. Galluzzo at 736-2361.

Deadline for reservations is December 9th.

The December 15th meeting of the Italian Women's Club will be held at Salvatore's Restaurant, 1333 Boston Road, Springfield.

The meetings are open to all women of Italian heritage (either born Italian or married to an Italian).

This month's hostesses are Mrs. Joyce Kakley and Mrs. Miriam Silva. For more information, call Mrs. Kakley at 596-9042.

Dinner will start promptly at 6:30 p.m., and the deadline for reservations is December 9th.

Christmas Sing-A-Long At West Springfield's Elm Street Common

The ninth Annual Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long and Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Sunday, December 7th on the Elm Street Common.

The West Springfield Chamber of Commerce has once again agreed to sponsor the display of Christmas lights and trees on the Common and North End Bridge rotary. Also continuing their tradition of sponsoring decorations throughout the town are United Co-Operative Bank, WestBank, and the West Springfield Garden Club.

Caroling will begin at 5:45 p.m. under the direction of J. Anthony DiGiore, a retired music educator of the West Springfield Public Schools, accompanied by Mr. Paul Bourque on the keyboard.

At 6:30 p.m., the trees will become aglow in lights with the traditional "throwing of the switch" by members of the Chamber of Commerce and town officials, followed by more caroling until 7:15 p.m.

Landry, Lyons, and Whyte Realtors, located at 85 Elm St., will once again open their doors to provide a place for carolers and passers-by to warm-up with a hot chocolate or coffee. A donation of a canned good, to benefit the West Springfield Open Pantry would be appreciated.

The public is invited to attend and participate in all of the festivities.

"Yuletide At Storowton" On December 6th & 7th

Enjoy the beauty of an old-fashioned New England holiday at "Yuletide at Storowton," Storowton Village Museum's annual free winter holiday festival, taking place on Eastern States Exposition grounds in West Springfield, December 6th and 7th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Groups and individuals are welcome to tour the Village's 19th century buildings, beautifully decorated thanks to the generosity of several local florists, garden clubs, and designers. A variety of activities for the whole family will be provided throughout the two-day occasion, including musical performances, storytelling, 19th century craft demonstrations, puppet shows, ice sculpting, caroling, a tree lighting ceremony, and a chance to visit with Santa.

Holiday gifts, wreaths, trees, and other goodies will be for sale throughout the Village. The Holiday Sweet Shoppe in Potter Mansion and the Storowton Village Gift Shop in the Phillips House will also be open during the event.

For more information or Yuletide events, call the Village at (413) 787-0136.

Santa Claus Will Appear At Upcoming Pancake Breakfast

Santa Claus is coming! Look for Santa on December 7th. He will be visiting the Middle School from 9:00-11:30 a.m. to meet all good boys and girls for a pancake and sausage breakfast.

He is asking that children bring their letters addressed to Santa, if they have not mailed them. Photos will be taken of Santa and your child upon request.

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is sponsoring the breakfast and looks forward to the many children who attend every year. Tickets will be available at the door. Cost is \$4 for adults; \$2.50 for children; and \$2 for each photo.



DOMENIC CECCHETELLI, JR. AND VIRGINIA MASON

Virginia E. Mason Is Engaged To Domenic Cecchetelli, Jr.

Mrs. Eileen A. Mason of Springfield is proud to announce the engagement of her daughter, Virginia Ellen Mason, to Domenic Cecchetelli, Jr. of Feeding Hills. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Domenic Cecchetelli, Sr. of Feeding Hills.

An October 10, 1998 wedding is planned.

The bride-to-be graduated from Cathedral High School in Springfield and attended Holyoke Community College in Holyoke. She is employed as a customer service representative at Mansfield Paper Co. in West Springfield.

Her fiancé graduated from Agawam High School in Agawam and attended Springfield Technical Community College in Springfield. He is employed as the assistant parts manager at Bertera Chrysler Plymouth, Inc. in West Springfield.

Agawam Cultural Council Seeks To Increase Membership

The Agawam Cultural Council would like to increase its membership for the coming year. The members of the council are also very interested in obtaining input from town residents as to the kind of programs they'd like to see for the council's "First Friday" series and summer concert series.

Representation from various civic groups would also be most helpful.

Interested parties should contact the Mayor's office for further information or Sylvia Deliso at 786-1859.

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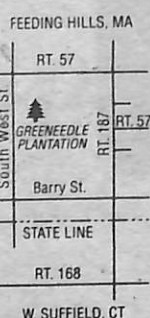
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Agawam Lions Club Holds Pancake Breakfast



AGAWAM LIONESSE CLUB members selling baked goods at the November 2nd pancake breakfast. From left to right: Mary Roy, Bernice Burton, Marianne Campbell, Eileen Eagan, Helen Merklein, and Diane Simpson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



ENJOYING THEIR PANCAKES at the Agawam Lions Club's pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 2nd: Kathy and Hal Martin (District 3 Governor for Lions Club International). Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



PREPARING THE BATTER for the Agawam Lions Club's pancake breakfast (from left to right): Joe Guy, Jim Votzak, Jim Loomis, Warren Roberts, and Mayor Christopher C. Johnson. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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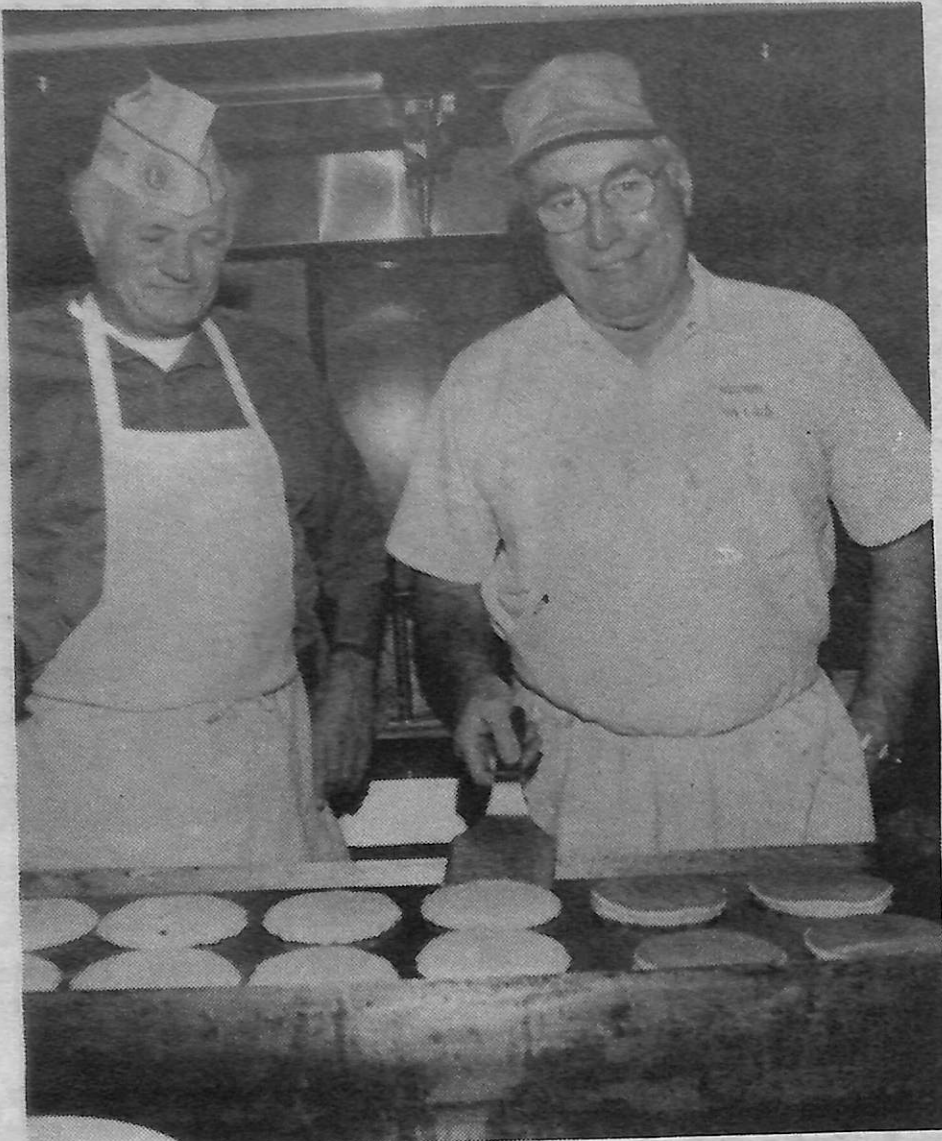
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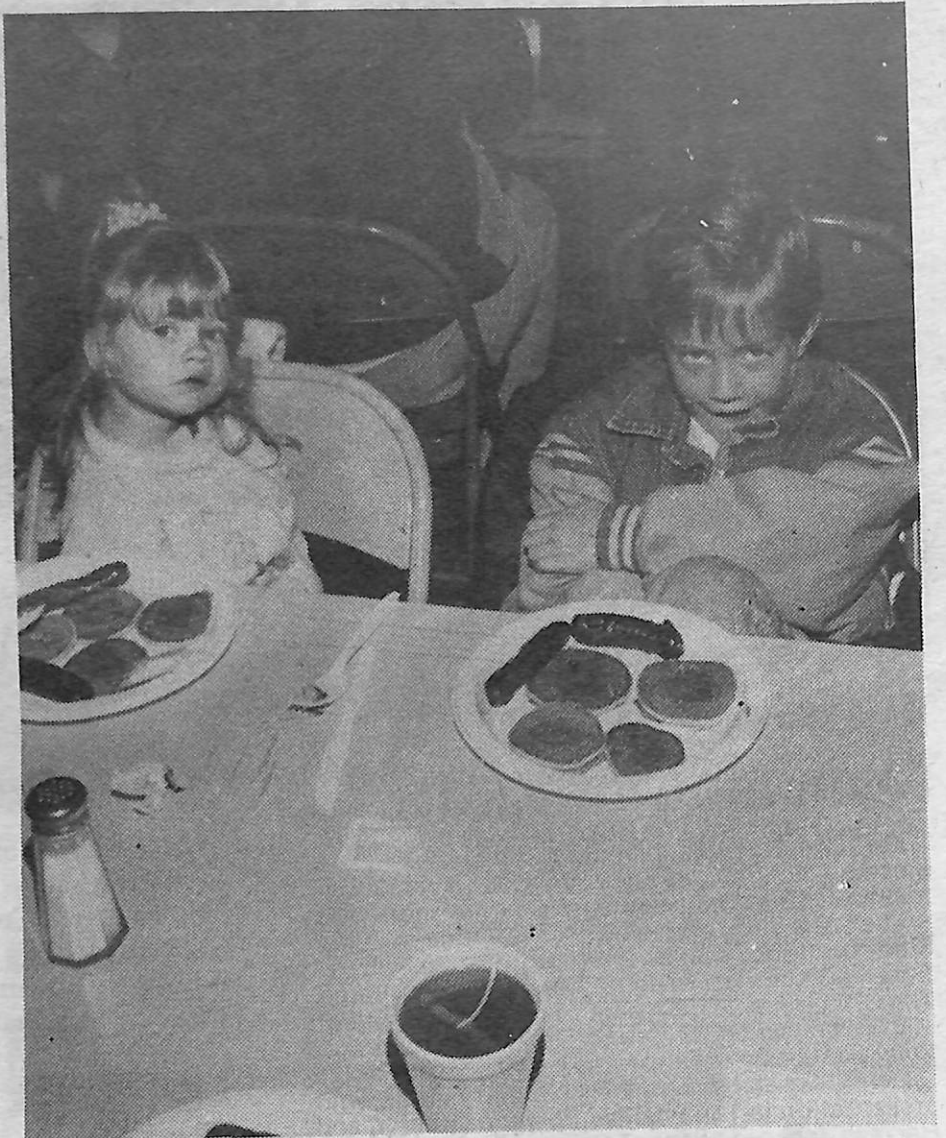
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Pancakes Served By The Agawam Lions Club



GEORGE COLLINS (left) AND ED DISCO really "flipped" over their cooking duties at the Agawam Lions Club's pancake breakfast on Sunday, November 2nd, at the Lions' Den in West Springfield. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



"WE LOVE PANCAKES!!!" Youngsters Alexis Peterson and Max Peterson enjoyed themselves at the Agawam Lions Club's pancake breakfast, which was held at the Lions' Den on the grounds of The Big E. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Heritage Hall Seeks Volunteers For Yuletide Entertainment

Help spread some Christmas cheer! Heritage Hall Centers, a member of the Genesis ElderCare network, is seeking volunteers of all ages and interests for the Christmas season.

Whether you play an instrument, sing, or are a whiz at holiday decorating, your talents are greatly needed. Groups of Christmas carolers are especially needed to visit bed and wheelchair bound residents.

So gather your friends, colleagues, and neighbors and help us bring smiles to our residents' faces this Christmas. Call Kimberly George, Director of Volunteer Services, at 413-786-8000 for more information.

Friends Of The Senior Center Reschedule Their Annual Meeting

Due to being postponed because of the snowstorm on Friday, November 14th, the annual meeting of the Friends of the Agawam Senior Center has been rescheduled for Friday, December 12th, at 1:00 p.m.

All are welcome to attend, and the annual dues are due now. Please come and find out more about "Friends" and see how you can help with our fundraisers.

If you have any questions, please call Nellie Mathias at 786-9093 or Lil Doyle at 786-9586.

Operation Friendship Sets Bottle/Can Drive For Sat., Nov. 29th

Operation Friendship, a non-profit, youth oriented organization, will be holding a can/bottle drive to support this summer's plans.

If you can help us out, please save your bottles and cans and we would be happy to pick them up on November 29th. For pick-ups in Feeding Hills, please call 786-0195 and in Agawam, call 786-7898.

Future Operation Friendship events include Roast Beef Suppers scheduled for December 6th and January 10th; a Ski Sale on December 13th; Oldies Dance, January 17th; and Mystery Dinners to be held March 28th and April 4th.

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Rescue Mission To Serve Meals On Turkey Day

The Springfield Rescue Mission will prepare and serve approximately 400 meals this Thanksgiving. Take-out dinners will be provided for the elderly, shut-ins, and disabled who contact the Mission to schedule a delivery and reside within a five-mile radius of the Mission.

Turkeys, potatoes, stuffing, carrots, pies, dinner rolls, and coffee are just a few of the items needed. Volunteers are needed to carry out the many activities that make these holidays special to the homeless men, women, and children coming our way.

For more information, call the Mission at 739-HOME.

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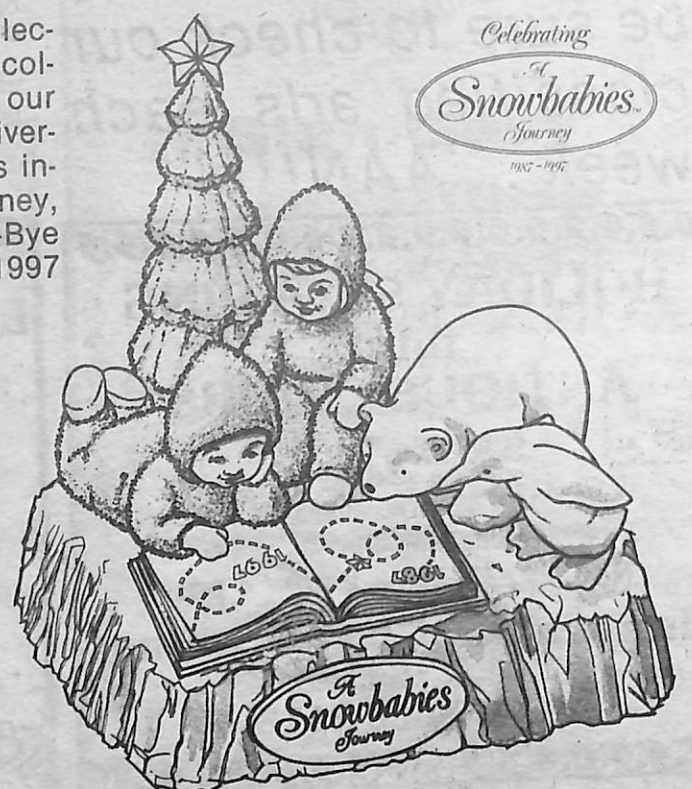


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Ag. Senior Center's Weekly Lunch Menu

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Tuesday, December 2nd: BBQ chicken leg, sweet potato, peas, whole wheat bread, birthday cake.

Wednesday, December 3rd: Liver and onions, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, rye bread, bread pudding.

Thursday, December 4th: Swedish meatballs with egg noodles, mixed vegetables, whole wheat bread, canned peaches.

Friday, December 5th: Seafood on a roll, baked beans, cole slaw, canned pears.

Sasha ZeBryk To Present "WHOLE Woman Conference"

On Saturday, December 6th, Sasha ZeBryk will present the **Second Annual WHOLE Woman Conference** at The Colosseum in West Springfield.

The theme, "**Envision the Possibilities — Jump-Start Your Life**," hopes to attract over 250 women from the greater western Massachusetts area. The Conference's goals are to offer women jump-start ideas, tools, and concrete examples of how to move out of rut thinking.

Conference speakers are Rosemary Verris, who presentation is **The Positive Power of Humor**, and Harvey Clay, president of Greater Springfield Lincoln Mercury, who won the 1996 Chairman's Award (highest award in the automotive industry).

Morning session choices include **Bust Out of Your Box!** with Sasha ZeBryk (an interactive workshop on generating creativity and ending procrastination), and **From the Flight Deck of the Green-Winged Club** with Barbara Foster, current president of the Women Business Owners' Association.

Afternoon sessions will include Sandy Maynard's **Designer Visions**, a program identifying 18 steps for designing a life vision. Mary Ann Dietschler, owner of **IN YOUR SPACE** consulting service, will imaginatively focus on helping women to win the war on clutter.

The Conference runs from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m., with continental breakfast and lunch provided. The cost is \$69. A student with photo ID accompanying the registration fee is \$49.

Door prizes will be raffled and proceeds will go to Annie's House, a shelter for homeless women in Springfield. Any individual or business may donate a gift. Your gift is tax-deductible and will be acknowledged at the Conference.

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Helping Big Brothers Big Sisters...



COLIN KIRBY of Agawam (right) helps Carmen Gonzalez, board member of Big Brothers Big Sisters, set up a recruitment display at the entrance of the Hampden County Courthouse in Springfield. Courthouse employees are now eligible to volunteer to be Big Brothers or Sisters four hours every other week on state time without loss of salary or benefits. Gonzalez said that volunteers are urgently needed to be mentors to needy children in Hampden County. For more information on volunteering, call 781-4730.

Agawam Rotary Club To Sponsor Concert At Middle School

The Agawam Rotary Club will sponsor a Winter Concert featuring Rich & Kathy Mitnick and also featuring several singers and instrumentalists.

The concert will be at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday evening, December 3rd at the Agawam Middle School on Main Street.

Very popular performers in this area, the Mitnicks always give a great performance.

This year's holiday concert promises to be a great kick-off to this festive season.

Although the admission is only \$5, the Rotary Club hopes the audience will bring a non-perishable food for the Agawam-West Springfield Open Pantry. If you do, then the admission fee will be only \$3.

There is a good possibility of a special visit from a special person some time during the concert. The evening promises to have plenty of surprises for everyone.

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Zenith Colorguard To Hold Holiday Bazaar And Bake Sale

Zenith Colorguard of Springfield will hold a Holiday Bazaar and Bake Sale on Saturday, December 6th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at the Greenleaf Community Center, Parker Street, Springfield.

Handmade ornaments, teacher gifts, knitted/crocheted items, wood crafts, wreaths, candy, etc. will be available.

Santa will be available from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. to take instant Polaroid pictures with your child(ren) at a cost of \$3. More information can be obtained by calling 789-2061.

The public is invited to attend.

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Polish Club Women Hold Annual Craft Fair



THE POLISH AMERICAN CLUB'S WOMEN'S AUXILIARY held their Annual Holiday Craft Fair recently. Some of the participants included (top photo) Terri Ann Ouellette, Danielle Ouellette, and Jeannette Ouellette. IN PHOTO BELOW, Marlene Grasso and Rose DahDah. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



ANDREA BORSARI, owner of "Floral A Go-Go" and her mother, Sandra Borsari, were two of the exhibitors at the recent Holiday Craft Fair sponsored by the Women's Auxiliary of the Polish American Club in Feeding Hills. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



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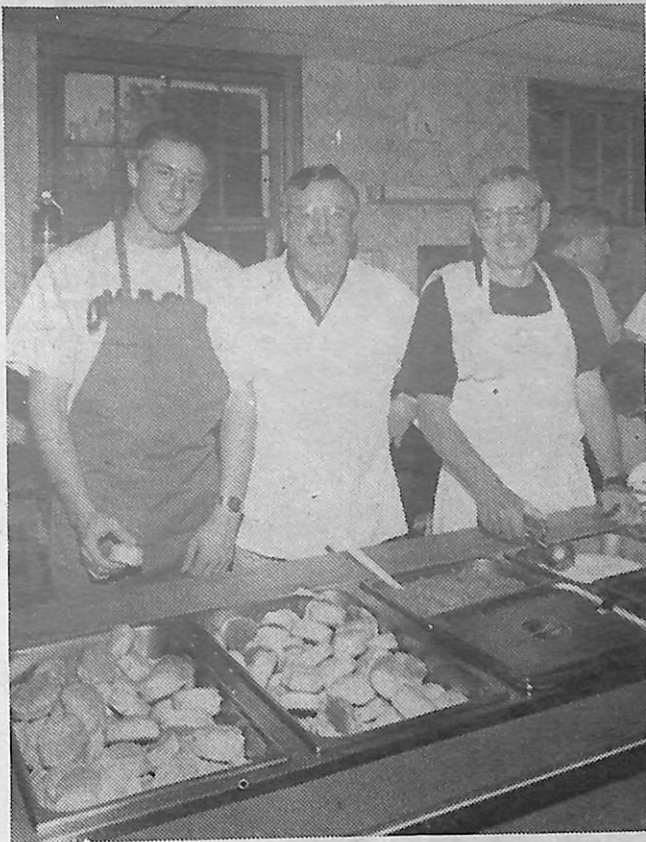
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Church News

Chicken Biscuit Supper At Agawam Congregational



THE MANY HAPPY FACES who attended the recent chicken biscuit supper sponsored by the Agawam Congregational Church. From left - kitchen workers Wesley Pomeroy, Jerry Hamel, and Jim Randolph; Nancy Modzelewski was one of the servers; and Matt & Lou Blackak were two of the satisfied customers.

Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

St. John's Church Preparing For Dec. 6th Christmas Bazaar

The Catholic Women's Club of Agawam and St. John's Guild are busily working on preparations for their annual Christmas Bazaar, which will be held on Saturday, December 6th at the Parish Center, 833 Main Street.

St. John's Christmas Bazaar has earned the reputation of being one of the best in the area for the many reasons that follow.

The Bakery Booth features a large variety of fresh, homebaked cakes, pies, cookies, and bread. The Christmas Booth takes your breath away with its beautiful, handmade decorations, centerpieces, tree skirts, and fresh, full wreaths.

The Needle and Thread Booth is a shopper's paradise for those who treasure homemade quilts, pillows, aprons, and more.

The Knitting Booth has a variety of hand-knit sweaters, hats, scarves, mittens, etc. As always, delicious homemade candy and fudge will be available.

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Holy Rosary Society Of St. Anthony's Makes Holiday Gifts For Aged & Infirm

On Tuesday, November 11th, the Holy Rosary Society of Saint Anthony of Padua Church met with members of the church parish to make holiday gifts for the aged and infirm.

The Holy Rosary Society gathered to create "angels of the sea" and angel baskets to be distributed by the Society to local residents in need of some cheer. The Society extends its appreciation to those who came out to assist them in their work.

The Holy Rosary Society is also involved in "Canned Good Sunday," a program designed to

generate canned goods and winter clothing donations from the parish for distribution to the homeless and less fortunate people.

The Holy Rosary Society would like to thank those parishioners who have made contributions to Canned Good Sunday and also like to let you know that the Society will be accepting donations throughout the winter season.

For more information on the donation program or to find out how to get involved with the Holy Rosary Society, please contact the church rectory at 786-3724.

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The Guild Booth, a perennial favorite, presents an array of wreaths and novelties. The Plant Booth is an eye-catching sight of colorful poinsettias, Christmas cacti, and cemetery pots and boxes.

New and used toys in good condition, fantastic attic treasures, used books, and previously owned jewelry will also be featured.

The snack bar will serve coffee, tea, donuts, and pastry from 9:00-11:00 a.m. and hearty sandwiches, desserts, and beverages from 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Santa will be there again this year to visit with the children. (Be sure to bring your camera!)

Children's purchases will be wrapped free of charge. For those who like to take a chance, there will be raffles at each booth and on a Bountiful Basket of food, a beautifully crafted wooden clock, and the main raffle of \$500, \$200, and \$100. You need not be present to win.

Chairwoman Paula Raiche and co-chairwomen Mickey Adelman and Gloria Colby are assisted by the following booth chairwomen:

Rose Dean, Elaine Smith, Sheryl Mardeusz, Jane Trevethan, Bea Hamel, Alwyn Shepard, Joan Malinoski, Kay Capitano, Mickey Morin, Adele Gallano, Theresa Longo, Mary Turner, Martha Jerry, Barbara Gingras, Lillian Doyle, Angela Beaudry, Lorraine Maniscalchi, Charlene Moretti, and Rita Moore.

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. The Worship hour begins at 10:00 a.m.

The lectionary readings for November 30th, the first Sunday of Advent, are Jeremiah 33:14-16, Psalm 25:1-10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13, and Luke 21:25-36.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Interior Decorator."

Children should attend worship with their parents, leaving at the designated time for Sunday School; nursery care will be provided for the very young.

Operation Friendship, an international youth group sponsored by this church, will serve a Roast Beef Dinner on Saturday, December 6th, beginning at 5:00 p.m. This is how the young people raise money to promote international friendship.

Come on in and warm your tummy with good food and help warm the world with good friends!

Operation Friendship will have a ski sale at this church on Saturday, December 13th. Consignments will be accepted in the evening on December 12th.

Get some holiday shopping done!

You are invited by the Deacons to come Christmas caroling on Sunday, December 14th, at 6:30 p.m. Dress warmly and bring lots of friends.

The Board of Deacons has announced a campaign to replace the pew Bibles in the sanctuary. They are looking for members and friends to donate copies as a memorial or in celebration of a loved one. The cost of each Bible is only \$10, including a memorial plate inside each copy.

If you would like to purchase a Bible for the sanctuary, please call the office and a form will be mailed to you. Forms are also available on the credenza in Griswold Hall.

The December sermon schedule:

- * **December 7th** - "Forgiveness." Scripture: Luke 3:1-6.
- * **December 14th** - "What Shall We Do?" Scripture: Luke 3:7-18.
- * **December 21st** - Christmas Pageant: "A Call to the Manger."

On the calendar:

Thursday, November 27th: Thanksgiving Day (office closed); 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Sunday, November 30th: 10:00 a.m., First Sunday of Advent.

Monday, December 1st: 4:00 to 5:30 p.m., Girl Scouts; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., Cub Scouts; 7:30 p.m., Council.

Tuesday, December 2nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

Wednesday, December 3rd: 7:00 p.m., Choir rehearsal.

Russian Choir To Appear At Baptist Church



THE RUSSIAN EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHOIR is being sponsored by the Agawam Cultural Council at the Agawam First Baptist Church on Friday, December 5th at 7:30 p.m. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Bethany Assembly Of God To Present 23rd Annual Singing Christmas Tree

The 23rd annual Singing Christmas Tree of Bethany Assembly of God will be presented eight times over the first two weekends of December.

The Singing Christmas Tree consists of 70 singers arrayed on a steel structure in the shape of a Christmas tree ascending from the stage to the ceiling. The tree is decorated and the lights are computer-controlled, making for a stunning effect of music and lights.

This year's musical theme is "Joy to the World," which points to the advent of the Christ child as the vehicle by which God brought joy to the world.

The musical is written by Ken Bryars, the Minister of Music at Bethany Assembly and director of the Singing Christmas Tree, and orchestrated by Dave Williamson. The 70-voice choir is accompanied by the 20-piece Bethany Orchestra for the 45-minute presentation.

The presentations are scheduled for Friday,

December 5th, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 6th, at 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 7th, at 3:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.

The schedule is the same for the following weekend: Friday, December 12th, at 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, December 13th, at 6:00 p.m.; and Sunday, December 14th, at 3:00 p.m. and again at 6:00 p.m.

All seating is free. There will be signing for the deaf, and a nursery will be provided for infants.

The tree is new this year! The musical is new this year!

If you have seen the tree before, you need to see this brand new presentation of Bethany's Singing Christmas Tree. If you haven't, what a great way to kick off your Christmas season.

Bethany is easy to find on Route 57 at Main Street in Agawam. Join with us as we present our Christmas gift to the Pioneer Valley.

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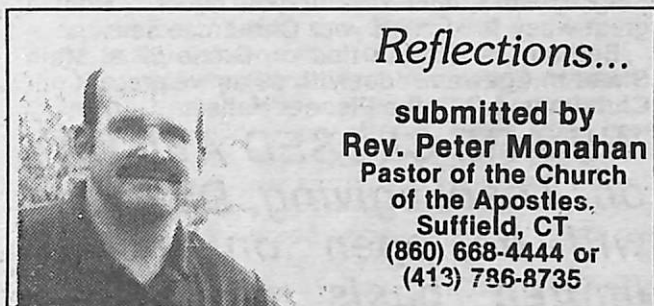
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Another Big Chicken Supper Held At Valley Community



VALLEY COMMUNITY CHURCH was recently the scene of a monthly Saturday night public chicken supper. From left - Helen & Jim Griffin are ready to enjoy their meals; Kendall Hill and Donald Manley were two of the volunteers at the dessert table, and Diane Guarente was on the serving line. Advertiser News

photos by Jack Devine.



Reflections...

submitted by
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It's Not Turkey Day, Folks

My young children came home from school last week, excitedly reporting to us about the earliest celebrants of Thanksgiving, the Pilgrims. They relayed that many of the Pilgrims died soon after they came upon our shores. The survivors celebrated Thanksgiving.

I had forgotten how deplorable the conditions were for the Pilgrims. In all honesty, when my children's comments forced me to recall the extreme plight of the Pilgrims, I felt somewhat ashamed. For them, the New England winter was harsh, it was unbearable for many. They truly suffered as they established themselves here. Yet they were the "glass is half full" rather than "half empty" crowd. In the abundance of their poverty, they offered Thanksgiving to God.

By contrast, we now live in an abundance of comfort. Even the poor among us live in great luxury in comparison with the vast majority of the world. In our society, we have come to expect the things others craved for in the past, which many still struggle for in other parts of the world today; heat, electricity, food. We take so much for granted that our ancestors would have been overwhelmed by. We have even gotten to the point where we think that a television set is a necessity. Yet, in the abundance of our luxury, many in our wealthy society think of Thanksgiving as "Turkey Day." Could it be that in our abundance of comfort, we have forgotten how to be thankful? Have some of us lost the attitude of gratitude?

The Apostle Paul was truly skilled in the art of being thankful. It would seem he had more to complain about than to be thankful for. Paul once described his experiences in the following manner: "Five times I have received from the Jews the forty lashes minus one. Three times I was beaten with rods. Once I received a stoning. Three times I was shipwrecked; for a night and a day I was adrift at sea; on frequent journeys, in danger from rivers, danger from bandits, danger from my own people, danger from the Gentiles, danger in the city, danger in the wilderness, danger at sea, danger from false brothers and sisters; in toil and hardship, through many a sleepless night, hungry

and thirsty, often without food, cold and naked."

If anybody had a right to complain about his life, it was the Apostle Paul. Paul's life was one of hardship, yet he was always able to thank God for something. Paul said, "I have learned to be content with whatever I have. I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need." He didn't complain, because he knew that "in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." Paul had an attitude of gratitude.

Even if we have endured suffering over the past year, if we stop and consider, not one of us hasn't also been blessed. I can say that from personal experience, I've endured some hardships I wouldn't wish on anyone. But God's grace has always been greater than my need. There is nothing any of us can do to repay God for all His kindness towards us. In Psalm 50, God says: "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and all that is in it is mine." But He does go on to say this: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, pay your vows to the Most High." After all God has done for us, all He asks of us is a small expression of appreciation. It's not "Turkey Day" folks. It's Thanksgiving.

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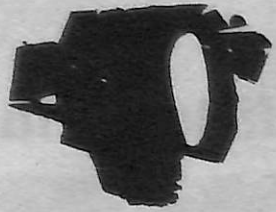
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Spotlight On Business

Surprise! Card & Gift & Snowbabies Together On December 5th-7th

Let the festivities begin. From December 5th through December 7th, **Surprise! Card & Gift Shop**, 838 Suffield St., Agawam, will host the "Celebrating a Snowbabies® Journey ... 1987-1997" event to commemorate the 10th anniversary of Snowbabies, a popular line of collectible figures.

Surprise! will introduce Department 56's anniversary event piece, "A Snowbabies Journey, 1987-1997 ... Let's Go See Jack Frost." The piece depicts two Snowbabies paging through a book with a penguin and polar bear. The bisque porcelain piece, which includes gold accents and an acrylic base, is available exclusively during the event.

The "Rock-A-Bye-Baby" Snowbaby Bisque Porcelain Hinged Box and Snowbabies 1997 Pin also will be available exclusively during the event and are limited to the year of production.

"Our Snowbabies 10th anniversary celebration is a fun way to enjoy the holidays," said Bob McElligott, store owner. "We'll have something for everyone."

Snowbabies Friendship Club

During the anniversary event, **Surprise! Card & Gift Shop** will introduce the Snowbabies Friendship Club. New club members will receive a membership kit including the piece "You Better Watch Out!" as a welcome gift; a Snowbabies illustration signed by Kristi Pierro in a Snowbabies frame; and a Snowbabies Friendship pin.

A personalized membership card and certificate will be mailed to members along with an invitation to purchase a limited edition Snowbabies piece. The limited edition piece will be available only to members. The membership fee is \$35.

Snowbabies collectors will have the opportunity to join the club as charter members from Dec. 5, 1997 through Jan. 31, 1998. Charter members receive a special charm that can be attached to the Snowbabies Pin.

Snowbabies Retirement

The annual Snowbabies retirement moves to Friday, December 5th to coincide with the anniversary festivities at **Surprise!**



BARBARA & BOB MCELLIGOTT are the owners and operators of **Surprise! Card & Gift Shop** at 838 Suffield Street (next to Geissler's Supermarket). **Surprise!** staff members include Marilyn Curry, Lynn Carra, and Rita McDonough. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

sary festivities at **Surprise!** The list of retiring Snowbabies pieces will be announced in the December 5th issue of *USA Today* and on the Department 56 web site at www.department56.com and at **Surprise!**

Stop in at **Surprise! Card & Gift Shop** at 838 Suffield St. for additional Snowbabies anniversary activities.

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Legal Memo

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Premarital Agreements...

In recent years, there has been growing interest in the use of premarital agreements to plan for marriage, and even to plan for death or the contingency of divorce in the event that the marriage does not work out. Such agreements have been given increased recognition by the courts.

Agreements between persons who are engaged to be married have traditionally been called "antenuptial" or "prenuptial" agreements in Massachusetts. In recent years, there has been a tendency to refer to such agreements simply as "premarital" agreements.

It may appear as a matter of first impression that premarital planning for the contingency of divorce is absurd and contrary to the hope for success which most engaged couples bring to their marriage. However, a growing number of persons consult attorneys with precisely this goal in mind.

In many cases, this is due to an unhappy prior divorce experience of one or both of the contracting parties, who choose to believe that in the event their marriage fails some degree of financial premarital planning will mitigate the effect of the failure.

In upholding the enforcement of premarital agreements, the Massachusetts courts have added the important qualification that such agreements must be fair and reasonable both at the time of execution and "at the time of the entry of the judgment nisi."

In *Osborne v. Osborne* 384 Mass. 591, 1981, the Supreme Judicial Court concluded that "the antenuptial contract is controlling on all claims of the husband, and, therefore, we do not reach the questions relating to the proper application of G.L. chapter 208, section 34" (division of marital property).

Thus, a properly drafted fair and reasonable premarital agreement can be used to avoid a judicial determination of property division and alimony. However, the court will not apply a waiver of marital rights in a premarital agreement when to do so would itself be unfair.

Need For Independent Counsel

An attorney cannot undertake to provide legal representation in circumstances where a conflict of interest exists. It is clear that since a premarital agreement defines legal rights and liabilities as between parties whose financial interests are or may be at some future date adverse to each other, that one lawyer cannot advise and represent both parties to the agreement.

Whether the court will enforce, in whole or in part, the provisions of a premarital agreement depends in part upon the court finding:

1. the agreement contains fair and reasonable provisions measured at the time of its execution;
2. the parties were "fully informed" of the other parties' worth prior to the agreement, and
3. the agreement is fair and reasonable at the time of the applicable divorce.

Joins Springfield Firm



DONNA SAFFORD FLEURY of Agawam recently joined Vinson Associates, an affiliate of Minnesota Mutual Life Insurance Company And Ascend Financial Services, 1500 Main Street, Springfield.

The Pioneer Group Sponsoring Free Public Workshop On Homebuying

The offices of The Pioneer Group are sponsoring a free public service workshop entitled "Buying a Home...What the Banks Don't Tell You."

It will be held Saturday morning, December 6th between the hours of 10:00 and 11:30 at the West Springfield Professional Center, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 21, in West Springfield.

Topics to be discussed include the various government federal loan programs that are currently available to first-time and move-up homebuyers, understanding points and closing costs, and how to minimize these fees, understanding seller contributions, the difference between a bank and a mortgage company and which one offers the better value, and more.

The information contained in this 90-minute seminar may save today's first-time and move-up buyers thousands of dollars.

Speakers at the workshop include Donald Thompson, a Principal of THE PIONEER GROUP, and Raymond Rose, a retired mortgage banker.

The workshop is free of charge and reservations are suggested. Their last seminar was filled to capacity. For more information, please listen to the recorded info message at 846-0981, and for reservations, please dial 731-6800.

Those that attend the workshop will receive a free copy of their credit report along with an application for a free mortgage pre-approval.


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Riverside Creativity Award



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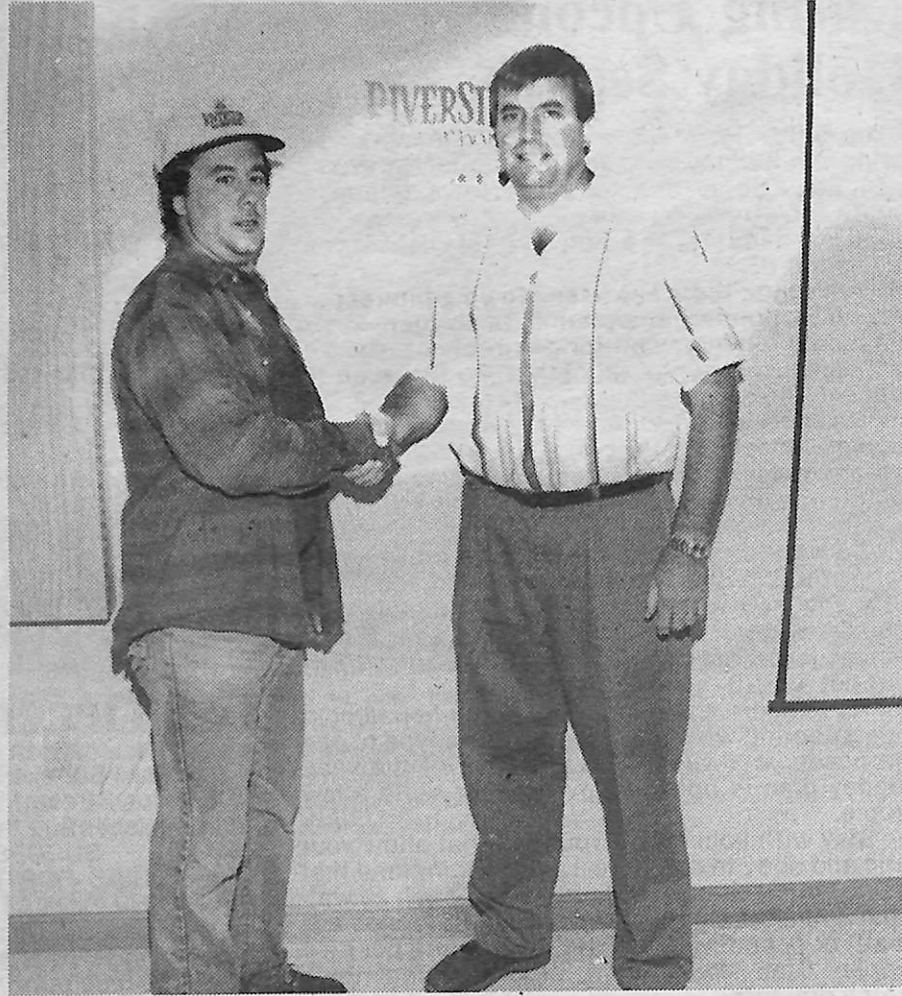
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Riverside "Awards" Employees...



PERFORMANCE AWARD WINNERS Billy Stanek (left) in the Mechanical Department and Dave Giroux (right) of the Games Department, receive their awards from Rick Neis, director of Maintenance and New Construction at Riverside Park for their commitment and enthusiasm in the performance of their various duties. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



MAINTENANCE PERSON OF THE MONTH winner Mark LaCombe (left) receives his award from Rick Neis, director of Maintenance & New Construction at Riverside Park. Mark, who is the landscaping and park services supervisor, received his award for his tremendous efforts in keeping up with the park beautification program during a very difficult period. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM
PLANNING BOARD & TOWN COUNCIL

The Agawam Planning Board and Agawam Town Council will hold a joint public hearing on Monday, December 15, 1997 at 7:30 PM, Agawam Middle School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of the Agawam Planning Board for a proposed amendment to the Agawam Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 180, to allow for provisions to regulate "Personal Wireless Service Facilities, Towers and

Repeaters" and to amend the Agawam Zoning Map, Chapter 180, Section B by the creation of a Wireless Telecommunications Overlay District. The district includes the following properties: N15-1-1, K3-3-1, H13-1-21, H3-1-24, H3-1-19, H3-1-22, E2-1-6, F6-1-1, D10-1-6, B14-1-4, B14-1-3, B14-1-5, G7-1-3, G1-1-4, G7-2-6, G6-1-1, H8-1-5, and F6-2-2, G7-3-1, G6-3-6, G7-1-8, H7-2-4, G6-1-7, H7-2-3, G6-1-3, G7-2-2, G6-1-8, G6-1-4, G5-6-1, H7-2-2, F7-2-2, G5-6-2, G5-6-2, G6-3-4, H8-1-1, G7-2-3, G6-3-5, H8-1-1, G8-1-14, G7-1-1, G7-1-2, G7-2-1, H5-1-5, H5-1-6, H5-1-1, I5-1-6, I5-1-5. These properties are included by reason of their potential to provide technically feasible and accessible

locations for the siting of facilities which can provide adequate wireless telecommunications services to the Town of Agawam. A copy of the proposed zoning amendments and overlay district map can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam Town Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:
Charles R. Calabrese, Chairman,
Agawam Planning Board
Ursula Retzler
Clerk of the Council

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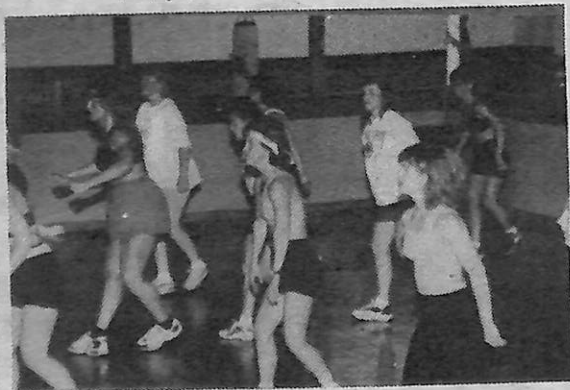
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Managing Your Stress During Upcoming Holiday Season

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- Don't over-commit yourself to a surplus of parties, obligations, or celebrations. Ask yourself the question often: "Am I heading towards overload?" An honest answer will allow you to make an intelligent decision.

- Don't be afraid to say "NO." Saying "no" to people who ask you, in good taste, to show up at a gathering, is necessary. You can say no very politely and do not look to always please the other person.

- Be wary of the tremendous amount of advertising at this time of the year. Buy what you determine you can afford and that's it! Credit card miseries will put a ball and chain on your feet in January if you are not careful. (And be sure to buy your pet a gift!)

- Try to invite someone over to your house or to your gathering who "has no one." This type of person needs your support at this time of the year. Holiday time is not a happy time for quite a few people.

- Stay with your health routines that allow your mind and body to recharge. I also recommend that you do what you can to "lighten up," such as watching a hilariously funny video (the 3 Stooges are great!) or spending time with upbeat and positive people. Stay away from blood-sucking toxic energy drainers!

- **SING!** Joining a Christmas chorus (especially if you haven't before) or carolling in the neighborhood is tremendously uplifting. Chanukah songs are also available to learn!

- Throw a few snowballs! (at trees and non-human objects). Be a kid again. Belly-flop on a board down the nearest golf course hill!

- Bake cookies and give them to your friends - simple recipes which "guarantee" success are readily available. Who knows? You might find a new career here.

- Wait up at night for Santa and the Reindeer. How are you so sure he won't come this time?

- Count your blessings! Not only now, but every day!

To find out how to obtain a copy of Dr. Sobel's best-selling book, "The Good Times Handbook - Your Guide to Positive Living and an Exciting Life," call 1-800-874-7189.

PLEASE REMEMBER THAT OUR deadline is every Tuesday at noon. We appreciate those who bring in their copy on Monday. We open weekdays at 6:30 a.m.

Kids Can Get Help With Concerns About Parents' Cancer

Learning that your parent has cancer is difficult for children of all ages. But discovering you're not alone and sharing your feelings and concerns with others in the same situation can help.

Children of cancer patients now have that opportunity, through a new support group at Mercy Hospital. The group's next meeting will take place Monday, December 1st, 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center.

Meetings are led by skilled facilitators from Mercy Hospital's Pastoral Care Department and are free of charge. Persons of all ages are welcome.

For more information, call the Pastoral Care Department, (413) 748-9453.

Reducing Stress To Be Topic Of Seminar On December 2nd

Dr. Steve Sobel, director of The New England Institute for Stress Management of Longmeadow, will be presenting the special three-hour seminar, "SOAR! - SUCCESS and STRESS REDUCING STRATEGIES FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO LIVE FULLY, PASSIONATELY, and CALMLY" the evening of Tuesday, December 2nd at the Best West Colonial Inn Hotel in East Windsor, Connecticut from 6:00-9:00 p.m.

The program cost is \$25 per person or two attend for \$40. Advance registration is recommended as Dr. Sobel is a nationally known speaker. Call 1-800-874-7189. Contact hours for professional groups may be granted.

All participants will also be able to receive the audiotape "IN FAVOR OF OPTIMISM" at no additional cost.

Breastfeeding Class For New Mothers At Mercy Hospital

New mothers interested in breastfeeding can learn the basics at a breastfeeding class sponsored by the Family Life Center at Mercy Hospital.

The class will meet December 3rd, 6:30 p.m., at the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, 299 Carew St.

A certified lactation consultant will cover topics including how to begin breastfeeding, proper breast care, and techniques for expressing milk. The session will also include helpful tips to support a positive and successful experience. Partners are encouraged to attend.

Cost is \$10, and advance registration is required. For more information, call (413) 748-7295.

New Diabetics Can Receive Support At Mercy Hospital

Newly diagnosed diabetics will benefit from a four-part educational series being conducted during December at Mercy Hospital.

The free hour-long programs will take place on four consecutive days, beginning December 9th at 2:30 p.m., in the Deliso Conference Center at the hospital. The course includes an introduction to diabetes, dietary guidelines, a review of diabetes medications, and an overview of complications related to the condition.

Registration is required. For more information, call Mercy Hospital's Patient Education Department, (413) 748-9024 between 8:00 and 9:00 a.m. weekdays, or leave a message.

Mobile Hearing Unit At Ag. Senior Center

Mercy Hospital's Weldon Mobile Hearing Center will conduct free hearing screenings and hearing aid checks at the Agawam Senior Center on Monday, December 1st at 9:00 a.m. and Monday, December 22nd, also at 9:00 a.m.

In addition, full diagnostic hearing tests, evaluations, fittings, sales and service of hearing aids and assistive-listening devices can be scheduled on a fee-for-service basis.

The hearing van's audiology equipment is operated by nationally certified audiologists from the Weldon Hearing Center at Mercy Hospital.

For a reservation, call 786-0400, ext. 242.

Breast Cancer Help At Mercy Hospital

The Breast Cancer Support Group, sponsored by the Women's Pavilion at Mercy Hospital, will meet December 2nd and 16th, 7:00-8:30 p.m., in the Women's Pavilion, 299 Carew St.

The group is open to women who have experienced mastectomy and other breast surgery, or who have been diagnosed with breast cancer. Family and friends are welcome to attend and share their experiences and concerns.

For more information, call the Women's Pavilion, (413) 748-9080.

Uplifting Your Body Topic Of Discussion

The Valley Cancer Center at Holyoke Hospital is pleased to sponsor the presentation "EVERY SEASON IS SPECIAL - AN ENERGIZING and FUN PROGRAM FOR YOUR SPIRIT, BODY and LIFE" from 4:00-5:00 p.m. on December 4th.

Speaker is nationally known motivational speaker and humorist Dr. Steve Sobel. Call 538-6868 for more information and to register.

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The HILLTOP PLAYERS Family Theatre will present a holiday musical treat entitled "A STOCKING FULL" on December 5th and 6th at 7:30 p.m. and December 6th and 7th at 2:00 p.m. at The RED DOOR THEATRE, 152 S. Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA.

"A STOCKING FULL" is an evening of holiday magic which includes "Santa's Dancing Reindeer," Christmas music both nostalgic and popular, five short scripted selections presenting scenes from "Little Women," "Beggars Charity," "Xmas Time," and other non-royalty plays, as well as poems, monologues, and chorus numbers which are sure to delight every family member.

The 38-member cast of "A STOCKING FULL" includes residents of Feeding Hills, Agawam, Southampton, Westfield, Southwick, Springfield, and other surrounding towns. It is directed by Lyle Pearsons and Margie Secora, with musical accompaniment by Marcy Secora and Tim Harmon.

Tickets are already on sale and are going quickly. Prices are \$7 for adults, \$5 for seniors and children 12 and under. All seats are reserved.

For reservations or information, call The Red Door Theatre at (413) 789-2026. This show is sure to put you in the holiday mood! Don't miss out!



SANTA'S DANCING REINDEER take some time out to pose for a family portrait as they ready their humorous dance routines for the upcoming presentation by the HILLTOP PLAYERS Family Theatre of "A Stocking Full" to be presented December 5th & 6th at 7:30 p.m. and December 6th & 7th at 2:00 p.m. at the Red Door Theatre, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills (on the grounds of Valley Community Church). Back row, from left - Kristin Morse, Alex Kane, Alyson Skok, Ashley Beluzo, and Kara Lewantowski. Front row - Morgan Allen, Nicole Messmer, Amy Modzelesky, and Lauren Gaffney.

Artwork Of Two Accomplished Local Artists To Be On Exhibit In December At Ag. Library

The Agawam Public Library is privileged to present the artwork of two accomplished artists in the gallery of the Agawam Public Library for the month of December.

Award-winning pastel artist Barbara Rothman Cohen is a resident of Agawam. Before coming back to this area and marriage, she was a staff artist for New England Telephone and Telegraph in Boston. Putting serious art aside, Barbara concentrated on raising three sons after which she resumed studying and painting.

She first studied portraits and figures in oils with Charles Hayward, and then found a fascination with watercolors. She studied with Jack Flynn, and presently with Don Wilhelm, where she learned to love pastels.

Her work has been exhibited locally, and with The Pastel Society of Cape Cod, of which she is a member, in addition to the New England Artists Exhibition, the Academic Artist's Exhibition National, and the Connecticut Pastel Society.

Barbara is also a professional picture framer, restorer, and has been an art consultant for various corporations. Now she concentrates on painting and commissions for portraits of adults and children. She enjoys the play of color in her work, feeling color is life. Her style combines solid academic value with impressionistic observation.

Feeding Hills resident Sandra Saitto is a teacher of art at the West Springfield High School. She has had advanced study in painting and art history and also has studied with Jack Flynn, Don Stone, and others.

She is a signature member of many art associations, including the National Watercolor Society, Rockport Art Association, Copley Society of Boston, and Academic Artists. Her work has been

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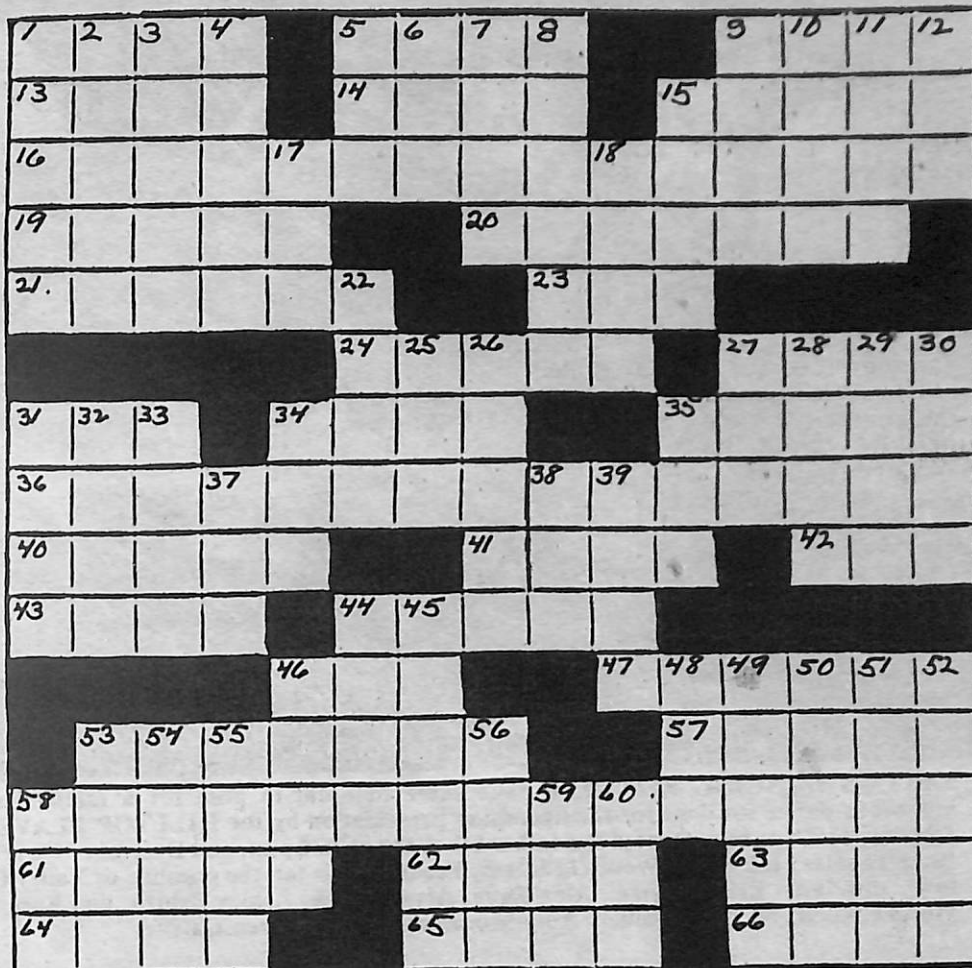
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WTG Changes Audition Dates For "The Sound Of Music"

The Westfield Theatre Group, a department of the Westfield Woman's Club, will hold auditions for "The Sound of Music" on Monday and Thursday, December 1st and 4th, at 7:00 p.m. (Please note that this is a change of dates from our originally scheduled auditions.)

The show will be directed by Larry Anderson, a long-time member of the Westfield Theatre Group and an award-winning director. Kathi Palmer will be the assistant director for this show.

There are parts available for a variety of adult roles and several children's roles (ages six and up). Any adults auditioning should be prepared to sing and read from the script. Children auditioning will be given something to sing as needed.

Show dates will be April 17, 18, 24, and 25, 1998, along with May 1 and 2, 1998. All auditions and performances will be held at the Westfield Woman's Club, 28 Court Street, Westfield.

For further information, please contact the theatre at 572-6838.

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exhibited nationwide, and has won numerous awards.

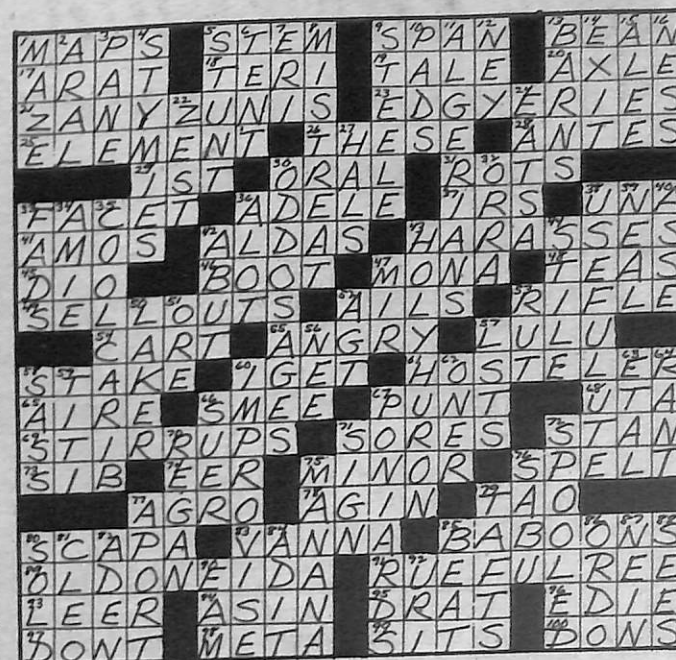
Sandra's artwork is an interpretation of the world as a kaleidoscope of light, color, and shapes. She states, "When my eye catches a combination of these elements that delight and uplift my spirit, I feel compelled to capture my impressions on paper or canvas." Most recently, she has become absorbed in the study of the spiritual nature of the Buddhist art of China and India.

The gallery hours for viewing these two talented artists are Monday through Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.; Friday, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.; and Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

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Last Week's Solution...



"Tuna Christmas" Ready To Open

The side-splitting denizens of Tuna, the third smallest town in Texas, return to StageWest on December 3rd to open the third production at the S. Prestley Blake theatre for the 1997/98 season.

This frenetically paced comedy where two actors portray 22 citizens of Tuna, Texas was created by Ed Howard, Joe Sears, and Jaston Williams. StageWest audiences will meet characters such as Joe Bob Lipsey, the hypoglycemic little theatre director, Didi Snavely, the proprietor of a used weapons store, and waitresses Inita Goodwin and Helen Bedd, employees of Tuna's premier culinary establishment, the Taster Kreme.

The play was called "A Hoot" by *The New York Times* and "So funny, it could make a raccoon laugh affectionately at Davy Crockett" by *The New York Post*. The show stars StageWest newcomers Chip Phillips and Joe Smith.

A TUNA CHRISTMAS previews Wednesday, December 3rd, Thursday, December 4th, and opens Friday, December 5th to run through Sunday, December 28th at the S. Prestley Blake Theatre at StageWest. Curtain is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Sunday evenings and at 8:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evenings.

Due to the Christmas holiday, there will be a special performance on Monday, December 22nd at 7:30 p.m. and no performances on Wednesday, December 24th or Thursday, December 25th. Matinee performances at 2:00 p.m. will be held on Wednesday, December 10th, Saturday, December 27th, and Sundays, December 7th, 14th, 21st, and 28th.

Tickets are available by phone (413) 781-2340 or by visiting the StageWest box office directly, Tuesday through Sunday from 12:00 noon until curtain. Group rates are available by contacting the box office. A TUNA CHRISTMAS is sponsored by Fleet Bank and Coopers & Lybrand.

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Agawam Senior Citizens Bring WWII Era To Life For AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

George Hurley has been decorated by the French government and the Philippine government. He's received the Boris Yeltsin Medal from a grateful Russian government commemorating the 50th anniversary of victory in The Great Patriotic War. He was awarded a Purple Heart when wounded in Russia, but the U.S. government can't find the records and he, along with his shipmates, has never received recognition from the U.S. military for their service.

Until last week, Agawam High School junior **Jennifer McGuire** had never met the former merchant marine, but he helped change her ideas about what World War II was all about for the people who lived through it.

"It was very interesting to hear about what was going on in the merchant marines and how they sailed around the world. They never received any recognition for what they'd done, but they were a big part of the war effort. It was very dangerous because they had few guns and they went into heavily fought areas," Jennifer said.

Retired AHS English teacher **Dorothea Nardi** told students about what it was like for the women on the homefront. "She told us about home and how life was changing for women. She told us about how she met her husband. We all cried," Jennifer said.

Hurley and Mrs. Nardi were among the 40 guest speakers who visited Agawam High School classrooms to share their experiences during the war with a generation of students far removed from the days when gas and food were rationed and people were proud to plant victory gardens in their backyards (so that precious food supplies would be saved for their sons serving in the Pacific and in Europe).

For AHS junior **Patty Zerra**, a visit from a Pacific theater veteran brought a war that had been seen from a distance into a very real, up-close, and personal focus.

"It was very emotional just to hear him talk about different experiences like seeing little kids shot and he told us he had to sleep with decaying bodies covered with maggots to hide from the search dogs," Patty said. "It was really graphic and we could picture it. He'd choke up and we did, too."

Deeper Appreciation For The Sacrifices...

English teacher Sandra Hines said she and her students gained a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices of a generation that went through the

Great Depression and then gave so much to the war, both overseas and at home.

"In that generation, it wasn't considered unusual to sacrifice," Mrs. Hines said. "When we sit down to our Thanksgiving dinners, we should be saying 'thank you' to those veterans for keeping this beautiful country free."

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said the cooperation between the Agawam Senior Center and the high school was fantastic, resulting in a very successful program.

"It was an invaluable experience for the young people who have grown up in households without the experience of war," Johnson said. "I grew up in a household with a World War II vet and I saw all the movies and all the documentaries of the war. But, the younger generation thinks of war as the high-tech war of the Persian Gulf smart bombs. Warfare was not the same in WWII."

In his classroom visits, Agawam resident **George Schmidt** talked of experiences he had not wanted to discuss and only shared with his own children in preparing for the intergenerational week, Mrs. Hines said.

"He talked about crawling on his belly in the Philippines and seeing 16 and 17 year-old boys who had been shot holding onto their stomachs, calling for their mothers," Mrs. Hines said.

Rose Haynes told students how she had worked in a five- and 10-cent store in Springfield after graduating from AHS in 1939. When the men went to war, Rose was one of the young women who took their places in the defense factories. For a while, she worked at the Springfield Armory making the M1 rifles so desperately needed by the troops.

At 21, she enlisted in the Marines, to the chagrin of her father (who did not think nice girls joined the military). At Cherry Point, North Carolina, she worked in the radio shop repairing radios. She met her husband, Thomas Haynes, and after the war, the Virginia native followed her to Agawam where he lived with Rose's sister and her husband until the couple was married in September 1945.

In explaining some of the differences between her generation and today's young people, Mrs. Haynes joked, "We got married, and THEN we lived together."

Patriotism Swept The Country...

Retired AHS band director Darcy Davis told the

students what it was like for young people to live amid the patriotism sweeping the country. Symbols of the war effort were everywhere: flags; stars in people's windows proudly proclaiming a son in the service; and the gold stars for the sons who would not be coming home.

Davis had been in high school when America entered the war. "I told the kids about the feeling of patriotism that came over the country. It's hard to explain and we haven't seen much of that lately," Davis said. "I don't think any of us wondered about a career. We didn't know if we'd be here."

Rather than wait to be drafted, Davis enlisted in the Air Force in 1944 and served for a year-and-a-half without ever leaving the country before being honorably discharged in 1945.

He was nominated for an appointment to West Point, but he failed the physical. By eating a steak dinner every day for lunch, drinking cream, and chowing down on bananas, Davis managed to get his weight up to snuff, but he wasn't able to stretch himself tall enough, despite months of hanging from a bar with weights attached to his feet.

The idea behind the classroom visits was to teach students about the war by making history come alive through the stories told by the people who lived through the war years, and to open up a relationship between the students and the senior citizens, according to AHS Dean of Students Bernadette Conte, who organized Intergenerational Week with Senior Center Director Richard Mundo and Darcy Davis.

It worked.

At last Friday night's Canteen Hop, vintage citizens and kids hoping to learn the swing era dances crowded the dance floor as AHS band director Tamara Watson conducted the AHS Jazz Band. Along with the Senior Center Melody Band, a number of musicians from the community joined in for a night of big band entertainment.

The walls of the high school cafeteria were decorated with posters depicting stars of the '40's. Chairs lined the room and, like every high school dance ever held, no one wanted to be the first on the floor.

Breaking the ice, Darcy Davis led his wife onto the floor and by the third number, the floor was crowded with dancers of all ages.

The week of intergenerational programs grew out of School Superintendent Frank Ameruso's promise of involving senior citizens in the schools as part of his vision for the future of the school system.

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★ ★ ★ Scenes From The World War II



IN TOP PHOTO: Veterans from various branches of the U.S. Armed Forces marched into the AHS auditorium during the World War II Concert on Wednesday, November 19th. IN PHOTO BELOW: Tammy Watson directed both the members of the AHS Jazz Band and community musicians during the Canteen Hop on Friday, November 21st.

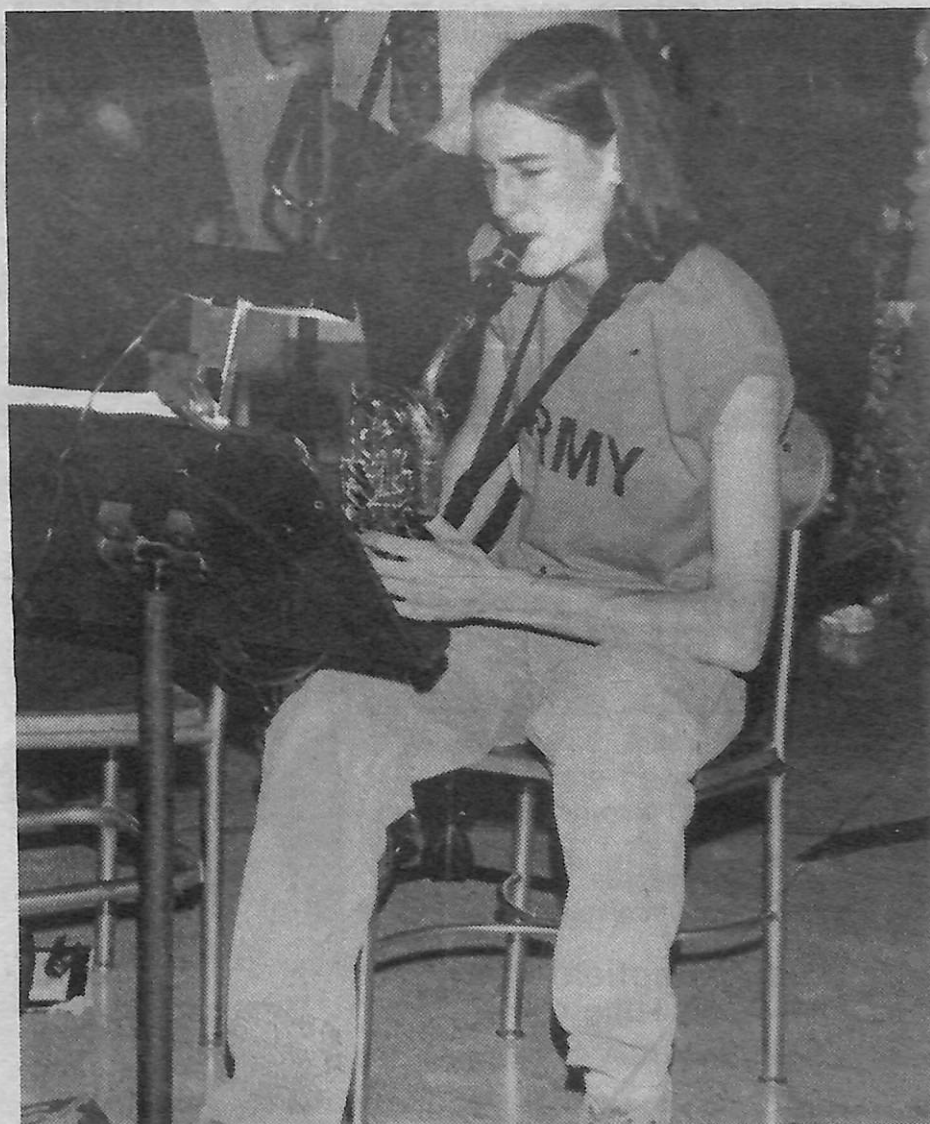


DARCY DAVIS, long known as Agawam's Music Man, danced with his wife, Ruth, at the Canteen Hop which culminated World War II Intergenerational Week at Agawam High School.

*All photos of the Wo
and "Canteen Hop"*



BERNADETTE CONTE (left), AHS's Dean of Students, and NANCY MILLER, AHS faculty member, found the music easy and fun to dance to during the Canteen Hop.



DAVID CASSANELLI, a senior at Agawam High School and a member of the school's Jazz Band, performed on his baritone saxophone during the Canteen Hop held in the AHS Cafeteria.

'Concert' And 'Canteen Hop' ★ ★ ★



BERNADETTE CONTE, Agawam High School's Dean of Students, dubbed retired AHS band director Darcy Davis "Mr. Agawam" at the conclusion of the World War II Concert held in the high school auditorium.

World War II "Concert"
are by Jack Devine.



IN TOP PHOTO: Members of the Agawam Middle School Chorus were directed by Meredith Quitno during the World War II Concert. IN PHOTO BELOW: The Agawam High School Show Choir, under the direction of Stephen Files, also performed in the Concert.

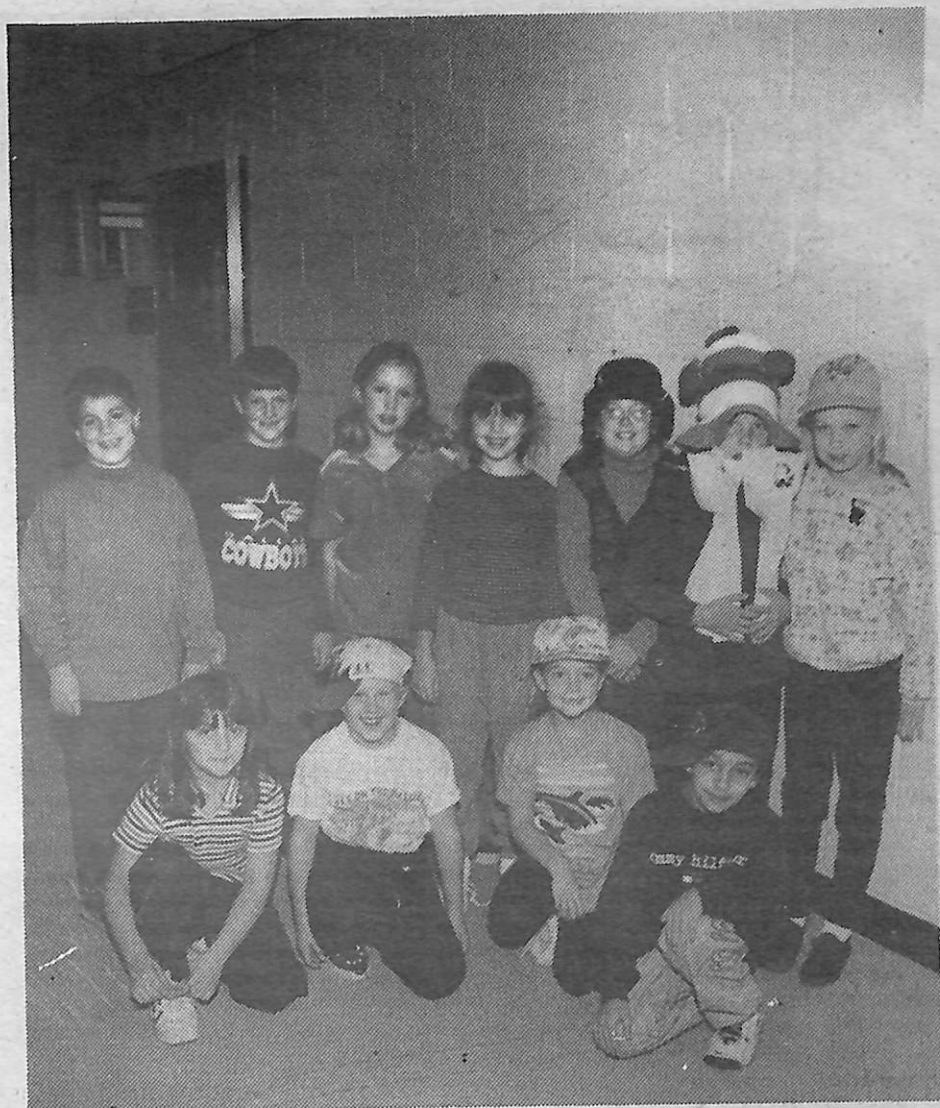


THE CANTEEN HOP appealed to people from different generations: Dawn Banspach, AHS student; Darcy Davis; Frances Messina, AHS art department coordinator, who decorated the cafeteria for the dance; and Dawn Fisher, AHS teacher, and her daughter, Corinne.



ASHLEY BLANCHARD, KELLY DOYLE, and JOCELYNN KRAUS sang the tune "Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy Of Company B" during the World War II Concert.

Student Councils Active At Clark School



THE JAMES CLARK SCHOOL third grade Student Council wore their crazy hats during their Halloween popcorn and cider sale during their Halloween crazy hat day. The council sold over 10 gallons of cider. IN PHOTO RIGHT, fourth grade Student Council members also held their first popcorn and cider sale during the Halloween Crazy Hat Day. The council sold over 25 pounds of popcorn. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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AHS Can "Match Wits" With The Best

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

They'll be back.

The Agawam High School "As Schools Match Wits" team racked up their third win last Saturday night on TV-22's long-running high school quiz show and qualified to compete in the championship games in the spring.

Team captain (senior) Jon Couture said the four member TV team will continue to meet weekly with the rest of the 12 members of the club to prepare for the championship finals.

There's a lot at stake for seniors Jon Couture, Daryl St. Laurent, and Geoff Krapf as well as junior Erik Sunny.

The last AHS team to score three weeks in a row went to the finals in 1992 and the big silver trophy has not come home to Agawam since 1981.

"I'm glad for what we've accomplished," Jon said. "We met our goals, but there's still more work to do."

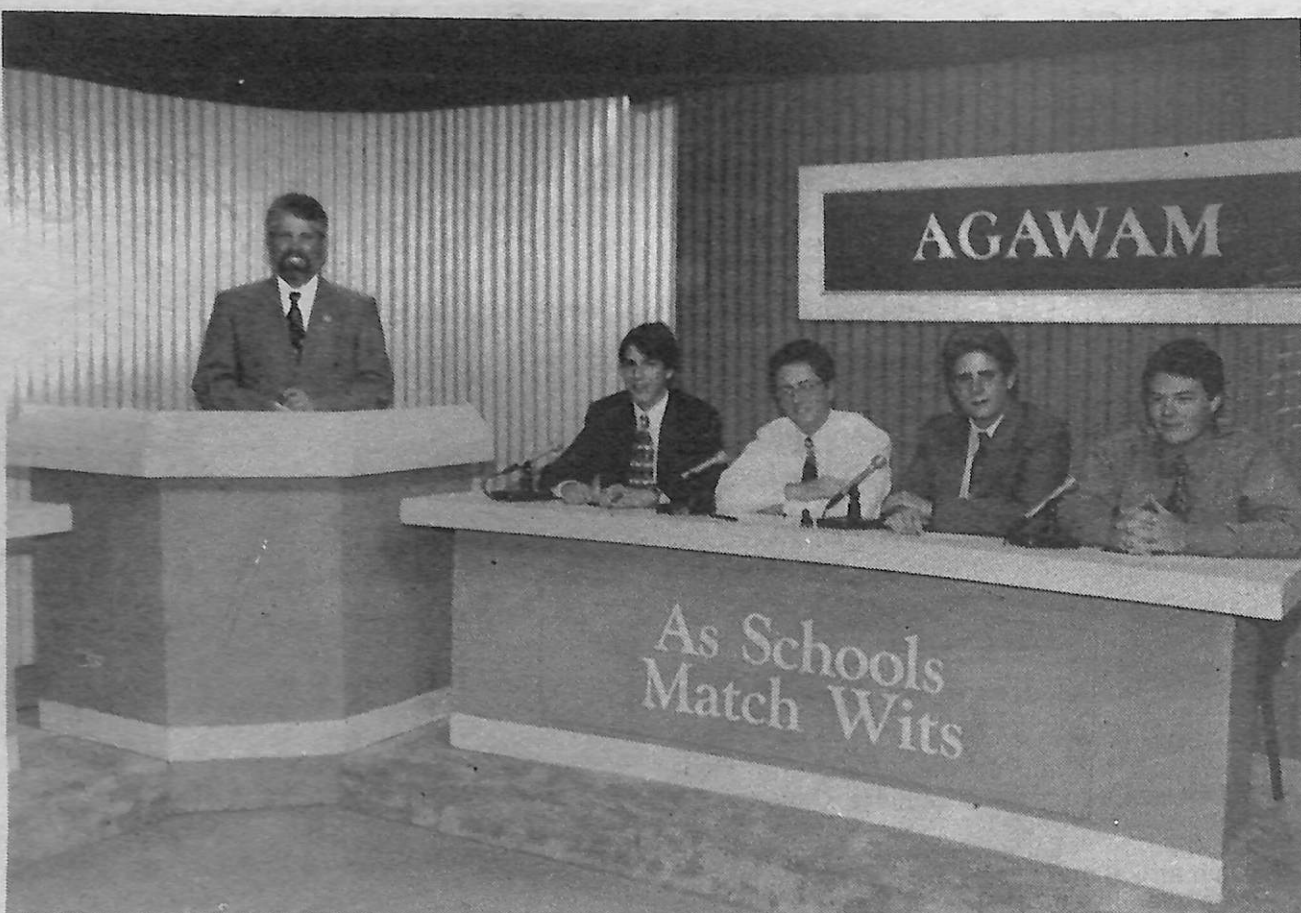
Team members agreed they owed their success in their matches against West Springfield (140-135), Belchertown (140-95), and Chicopee High (145-100) to their ability to work as a team and rely on each other's individual areas of strength.

"We have our own overlapping fields of interest," Daryl said. Jon's the expert on sports, geography, and history, while Erik sweeps any category dealing with the Bible.

All members of the TV team for the first time, they've learned some important strategies they'll be using in the finals.

"An educated guess is better than no answer. If you think you know the answer, speak up. If you're wrong, the other team members shouldn't hit you," Geoff joked.

Among their areas of weakness, they pinpointed current events, math, and literature. It's not that the math is too difficult, it has more to do with the pressure of coming up with the answer within a matter of seconds.



AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL'S "As School Match Wits" team has reached the championship round to be held this spring. From left - TV 22's host John Baran. Students in photo, from left - Daryl St. Laurent, Jon Couture, Geoff Krapf, and Erik Sunny.

Geoff explained, "The questions are given orally, and it's hard to see it in your mind, write it on paper, and get the answer within seven seconds."

Scoping The Competition

Besides going over questions from previous years as well as other study guides, the team will be watching the Saturday night broadcasts of the competition to learn as much as they can about the strengths and weaknesses of the teams they'll be facing in the spring.

"If we know what they're strong in, we can choose those categories and take them away, as

long as we know something about it," Daryl explained.

If that doesn't work, the team is counting on "Porthos," their plastic pig mascot.

So far, they know they'll be competing against Loomis Chaffee High School. They're pleased that the regional schools will be playing against each other in the first round of play, thereby eliminating some of the strongest schools from the finals.

AHS English teacher Lawrence O'Brien serves as the club's advisor. Stay tuned.

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Mayflower Kids Brought To Life At Robinson Park

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

When they crossed the threshold of Robinson Park School's Room 20 for the first time in September, they were fourth graders on the brink of the millennium.

By the time they took the seats arranged by their teacher, Barbara Regish, they were the children of the English Separatists on the brink of their journey to a new world, more than 300 years ago.

As children of the Mayflower, the students traded in their 20th century names and identities to become the children of Pilgrim families like the Hopkins or the Allertons or one of the Strangers -like John and Frances Billington, who sailed on the Mayflower but were not part of the group seeking religious freedom in the New World. Miles Standish was one of the Strangers who came for adventure and for a better life.

The children "charted" their journey on departure and arrival maps to be used as placements at their own family dinners on Thanksgiving. As they "sailed" from Holland to England and on to America in 1620, the fourth graders picked up an amazing amount of information about the first successful English settlement in the New World.

The children can easily cite the socio-economic and religious reasons that led a band of 102 people to embark on a journey so perilous that only 51 were still alive after their first winter at Plymouth plantation.

And they enjoy recounting the details of what everyday life was like for their counterparts during the 66 days at sea and in their first years as settlers.

In addition to debunking some Pilgrim myths (the familiar buckle shown on Pilgrim hats hadn't been invented), the fourth graders discovered that life was different for the children of the colonists in education, in the expectations of their families, and even in the kinds of clothing they wore.

"The children had to work when they were very young," **Jake Waterman** pointed out.

Allison Pariseau was surprised to learn that boys and girls wore the same type of clothing until they were about five years-old. **Lindsey Surprenant** said the girls wore lots of layers of clothing, as many as seven petticoats, to keep warm and the women wore bonnets to keep their hair from catching fire as they cooked their food in the fireplace.

Christina Graziano said, "They didn't have schools, but after their chores were done, their

mothers or fathers taught them and they did their work on a slate."

The children also uncovered a world of difference in ideas of personal hygiene and table manners between their families and the Pilgrim families.

Mari Weinandy said, "They only bathed once or twice a year." **Allison** said, "They never washed their napkins except for once a week."

The children were fascinated and repulsed trying to imagine the sight of a Pilgrim family dinner. Forks hadn't been invented; a person was lucky to have a knife, and only the wealthy had both a spoon and a knife. Most folks ate with their fingers, using their large napkins to clean their hands and protect their clothing.

Food was another problem for the Pilgrims. The children said they had to salt, smoke, and pickle their meat, but even that didn't save them from the Starving Time of their first winter or from their own refusal to make use of food considered as delicacies today.

Brian Burke said, "A lot of Pilgrims died because they didn't want to eat clams and lobsters."



ROBINSON PARK FOURTH GRADE teacher **Barbara Regish** had her students trade in their 20th century names and identities to become the children of Pilgrim families who sailed on the Mayflower. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

After their experience as children of the Mayflower, Mrs. Regish's students had some ideas of their own as to what they would bring on such a journey.

Although there were some differences based on gender lines in what the children would take with them, Mrs. Regish said across the board, most kids wanted their pillow and many mentioned tissues, journals, medicine, seeds, bullets, and essential clothing.

The boys tended to want flashlights, armor, tools, CD players, TV's, and mobile phones; the girls wanted more of the comforts civilization like jewelry, rugs, silverware, bug bite cream, mirrors, books, and blankets.

"I was impressed with some of the insights the children showed in what they'd bring in their Pilgrim chests," Mrs. Regish said.

Joe McDyer wanted to bring a remembrance of his native country. **Nicholas Vershon** packed his chest with a pocket knife, a survival kit, and courage. **Angela Virella** included a small food-giving plant and "my teacher."

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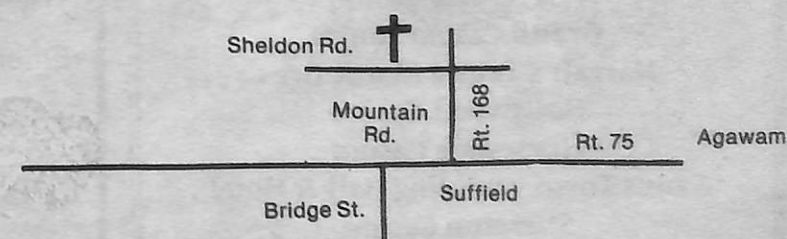
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November, 1997

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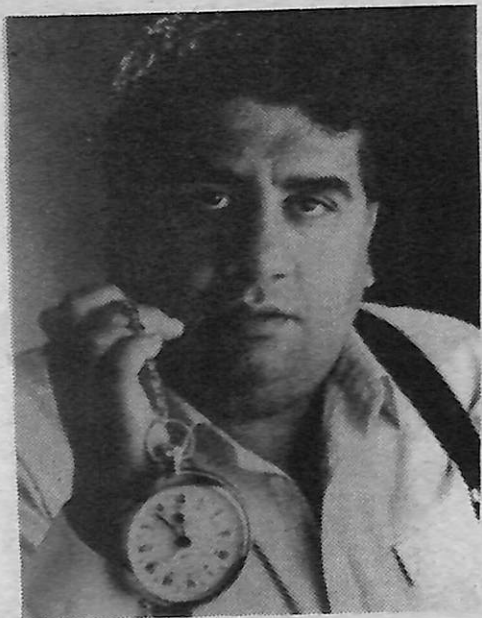
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The 1998-99 edition of the RSP catalog highlights the colleges and universities and the degree programs available for Massachusetts residents to receive the reduced tuition rates. The catalog is available at high school guidance offices and libraries, city and town libraries, and public admissions offices.

An on-line version of the catalog may be viewed at New England's Board of Higher Education's web site: www.nebhe.org. A copy of the catalog may also be obtained by contacting Rep. Keenan's district office at 786-4545.

For more information, contact the Office of Regional Student Program, New England Board of Higher Education, 45 Temple Place, Boston, MA 02111; (617) 357-9620, or Rep. Keenan's district office at 342 Springfield Street, Agawam, MA 01001; 786-4545.

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October 20, 1864

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War Memories From WWII At AHS

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

One thing led to another. It touched off a ripple effect felt across the generations separating the folks who gathered around the radio for news and entertainment, from the teens who surf the Internet for information and entertain themselves with technologies that were the stuff of science fiction for the children of the Great Depression.

Last week's celebration of Intergenerational Week at Agawam High School was intended to benefit both the students and town's vintage citizens. The kids would get the benefit of the richness of the seniors' oral histories of a world at war. The seniors would be recognized and valued for their extraordinary sacrifices in the name of freedom and, as a side benefit, they'd see the High School is filled with good kids and teachers who care about education.

All of that happened and more.

One thing led to another as the ripples spread out to encompass students and faculty as the showcase dedicated to World War II memorabilia took shape in the school's rotunda.

Sophomore Emily Dubois found the theme for the display in the writings of Holocaust survivor, Dr. Robert O. Fisch, who became a pediatrician after being liberated from the camps.

Emily's poster depicting the theme, "Remain human even in inhuman circumstances," will be donated to the newly-opened Holocaust Museum in Springfield (along with other related student works in the showcase).

English teacher Sandra Hines found a side of her father she hadn't known, while Dean of Students Bernadette Conte recalled her father's stories from the war years as the two educators went searching for artifacts to include in the display.

Mrs. Conte contributed the Purple Heart her father, Joseph P. Bigda, earned as the sole survivor in the destruction of his three-tank unit in Europe. "He spent a month in the hospital with amnesia and was presumed dead. The first thing he did when he recovered his memory was to write my mother a letter. That's how they found out he was still alive. It would be months before his mother was officially notified that her son was alive," Mrs. Conte said.

The couple had met at the Butterfly Ballroom the night before he shipped out for training. When her father returned home on leave, the two continued to see each other. By the time they went to see "The Song of Bernadette," they pretty much knew they'd be married one day and they pledged if they had a daughter, they'd name her Bernadette.



PARTICIPATING IN THE WEEK-LONG celebration of the World War II era (Intergenerational Week) at Agawam High School, included, from left - Bernadette Conte (deputy principal), George Hurley (US Navy armed guard), Sandra Hines (AHS faculty member), Adrienne Dufresne (AHS student), and Roger Manning (US Navy armed guard). Advertiser News

photo by Jack Devine.

"I don't know why they couldn't have given it to my older sister," Mrs. Conte said. "I remember my dad saying he used to pray he'd never have a son to send to war as he was crawling on the frozen ground with his uniform frozen stiff."

When she went looking for photos and mementos to bring to the showcase, Mrs. Hines came across a manila envelope marked "Military Discharge & Misc. Papers." Inside were papers she had never known existed, tracing the Army career of her father, John B. Stone, as he progressed from the enlisted ranks on to officer candidate school and a commission as a lieutenant.

Technological Changes We Take For Granted...
The documents not only shed light on the lieutenant's career, but also serve as a window on the technological changes that people take for granted today.

A small envelope contains, "Jack's Medical Reports to Camp Edwards, Mass." Inside, four pieces of paper tell a lot more about Jack Stone's world than the mere fact that a bout with a lung infection prevented him from reporting for duty for two weeks in June 1941.

In a pre-Xerox world when most households wouldn't have owned a typewriter, two of the handwritten documents are marked "copy," and all were written before fountain pens were replaced by ballpoints. On the doctor's prescription memo, there is mention of a fever of 101°, but nothing about antibiotics to fight the infection.

"That envelope was so precious to me because he saved it," Mrs. Hines said. "I was finding out about a different side of my dad. Turning the pages, I came across a paper showing he had turned in two pistols. I couldn't imagine him with pistols."

Not so surprising was a piece of sheet music for the "Ave Maria." Her father had always had a great devotion to the Blessed Mother and had turned to Our Lady of Lourdes for a miracle when he was diagnosed with terminal stomach cancer shortly after his seventh child, Paul, was born in 1956.

"He told the Blessed Mother he had seven children to take care of and he asked her to let him live until the youngest was 21. When he was told he had months to live, he started swallowing Lourdes water and when he went in for surgery, they found the cancer was gone. He lived to 67 and died when Paul was 28," Mrs. Hines said.

A V-MAIL letter sent to his parents as his ship headed home from the Philippines is dated 10 April 1945. Some things never change. Jack writes that his plan to bring back souvenirs fell through; nothing worth buying and exorbitant prices on anything worthwhile.

John Stone served from March 12, 1941 to December 4, 1945. He qualified as a marksman with Rifle Bar and was decorated with the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two Bronze Service Stars, and the Philippine Liberation Ribbon with one Bronze Service Star. Before the war, he supervised 20 clerical workers in an insurance office in Springfield.

One thing leads to another. More than 40 years after he placed his trust in a Lourdes miracle, John Stone's daughter is a close colleague of the woman named for the peasant girl at the heart of the Lourdes legend.

Sandra Hines believes in the interconnectedness of life.
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IN PHOTO LEFT, Rose Haynes, a World War II veteran, tells her war stories to Agawam High School students during Intergenerational Week. THE AHS SHOWCASE in the main lobby was full of wartime mementos to further promote the week-long celebration at the school. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Dr. Kevin Coughlin, AHS Grad Of 1976, Creates Baystate Dental Scholarship Fund

Drs. Kevin Coughlin and John J. Sullivan IV have announced the creation of the Baystate Dental Care Scholarship Fund. The ever-community minded dental practice also announced the creation of three \$5,000 scholarships.

A 1976 graduate of Agawam High School and formerly of Feeding Hills, Dr. Coughlin is the son of Ralph and Joyce Coughlin of Feeding Hills.

"We thought about calling it the 'we'll buy your books for four years' scholarship," said Dr. Coughlin, "but it was just too long to say. We just want to help some students from our area who need assistance. There are many bright kids who need a little help. Hey, if we can buy their books for a couple of years, it makes us feel great!"

The practice, known for its outstanding community efforts in sports dentistry and (most recently) mouth guard legislation, believes in giving back to the community.

"Kevin and I are from here," said Dr. Sullivan. "We love our community, our families love the community. We all have a real sense of loyalty to the area and we want to do our part to help. This is a start in giving back to the area that gave us so much and to help someone the way we were helped by the community."

Participant Eligibility

Participants must:

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- * Be available and participate in awards ceremony and publicity events.

(Employees of and suppliers to Baystate Dental Care are not eligible to participate in this program.)

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Three prominent members of the community from various fields such as journalism, education, volunteerism, medicine, and law will be chosen to judge the merits of each entrant and select finalists. No member or employee of Baystate Dental Care will participate in the judging.

Application

Applications will be available and accepted at any of the three Baystate Dental Care offices. Deadline for applications is December 31, 1997.

Presentation

Scholarship recipient(s) will be announced on May 15, 1998. Awards will be presented at a ceremony to be announced at a later date.

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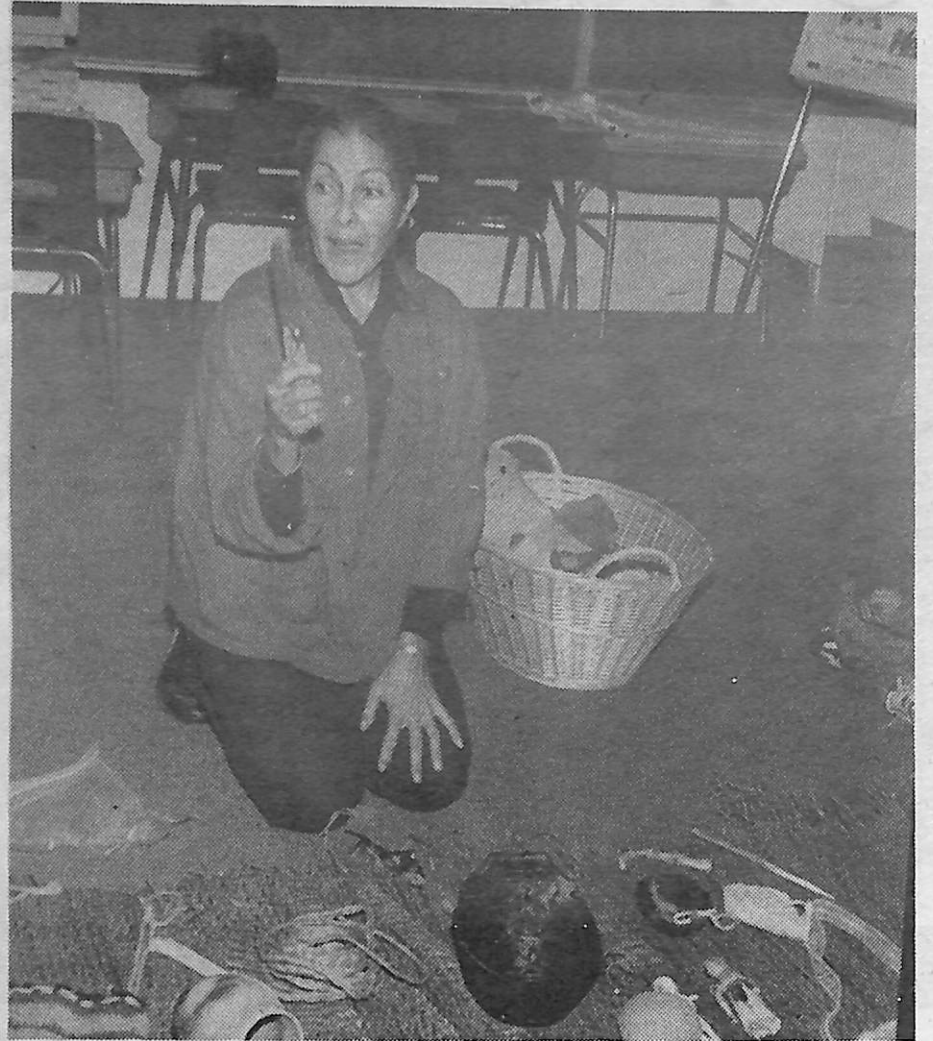


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Jr. Stamp Club Begins Second Year As Membership Grows

The Agawam Junior Stamp Club is beginning its second year. It began out of the interest shown by Granger School students during their "What is a Million?" project.

Stamp club members meet monthly with a teacher sponsor and a parent stamp collector leader. Current members include students from third grade through junior high school.

Stamp activities are planned to help the students learn about stamps and collecting. There is also a time for sharing, trading, and acquiring new stamps.

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MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL Western Mass championship girls' gymnastics team. Back row - Stephanie Harnois, Captain Lindsey Hadden, Amanda Peters, Captain Jessica Hansen, and Elizabeth Clark. Middle - Coach Angela Sullivan. Front row - Lisa Marsh, Leila Sekkal, and Michelle Blanchard. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



AGAWAM HIGH GYMNASTICS COACH Angela Sullivan and her two 1997 captains - senior Jessica Hansen and junior Lindsey Hadden. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Sekkal Wins All-Around... Brownie Gymnasts Take WMass Title

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

For the first time ever, Agawam High School has a sectional champion in girls' gymnastics. It was done by a young group of kids who had lost but one meet in the regular season and dominated those they won, just like the action up at Chicopee Comp last Friday evening. They beat runner-up Wahconah, 123.25 to 120.275. Pittsfield was third at 119.85. After that, everyone else was but a distant memory.

To many people, a margin of victory of under two points would seem mighty close. "That's not really true," Brownie gymnastics Coach Angela Sullivan noted. "It's like winning by two touchdowns in football. It's comfortable, but not overwhelming."

The Brownies did Friday night was they'd been doing all season — winning on youthful enthusiasm and opportune scoring. It all starts with freshman **Leila Sekkal**. Once again, the 15 year-old captured the all-around crown. Teammate **Lindsey Hadden**, playing in pain with a sprained knee (hyperextension), grabbed a third there.

Hadden, who is the best on the bars in Western Mass, won that event. Sekkal, who needs a bit more seasoning, took third.

The vault was the only event where the Brownies failed to put a performer in the top three. Sekkal grabbed fourth.

Then there was the beam. "We were doing well up to that point. And I was confident. It was the beam that all but assured us of the title," Sullivan admitted. "The girls stepped up."

Sekkal was first, followed by Hadden (third), **Amanda Peters** (fifth), and **Lisa Marsh** (sixth). "We got so many points there from those kids. The beam is a make-or-break event so many times in gymnastics. Barring a disaster, we had the win," Sullivan added.

"Mopping Up" Time For The Brownies...

After that, it was just a matter of mopping up the gravy in the plate. The floor went to a pure dancer with a swan-like routine, Pittsfield's Sarah Nachbauer. Her 9.3 was just too much. Sekkal finished third with an 8.85. All season long, she and the coach had been striving to get her score up to a nine. They have time now to work towards that goal next season.

Sullivan admitted, after a second-place finish in 1996 and a third in 1995, this win was sweet. And it could go on like that for awhile. They will lose only one gymnast, **Jess Hansen**, who is a floor and beam specialist.

Besides another title, the coach says she wants Lindsey Hadden, who will be a senior next season, to qualify for the nationals. Only seniors are eligible. "I think she can do it. Lindsey is strong and talented."

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Kristen Patterson Tabbed All-American By National Soccer Coaches

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High School's three-sport standout, Kristen Patterson, no doubt the best all-around female athlete in Western Mass., has been named a High School All-American in soccer by the National Interscholastic Soccer Coaches Association. She has been All-State and All-Western Mass. in the past.

"I really didn't expect this," she smile. "But if I did get it, a lot of credit has to go to (Coach Mary) Miss Murray, who was really pushing for me."

"I'm a team player," she added. "I try to make them better if I can." For four years, she did just that. Her freshman season saw her score 12 goals and grab five assists. Her numbers rose as a sophomore to 16 and nine, respectively. She had it tough as a junior with 11 goals and five assists. Her recently completed senior season was a gem. She drilled home 30 scores and added nine assists. That performance convinced many people she indeed deserved the honor.

"Kristen is just one good kid, and a tough one, too. She was a team player. We might not see the likes of her in these parts for a long time," Murray noted.

During the year just completed, Kristen, at times, dominated a game by herself. Along the way, she had four hat tricks and six two-goal

outings.

School Record

She broke her sister's school goal record when she recorded her 25th goal in October. She tabulated a total of 69 goals and 28 assists good for a school record 97 points.

But she also took great pride in her defense. Indeed, her aggressive style, intercepting passes, and breaking up plays as well as her great speed afforded her many opportunities to hit the back of the net. Her assists were usually accurate and timely.

Kristen regrets she couldn't have done more to get the team past the opening game of the Western Mass. playoffs (a 5-4 loss to eventual runner-up Pittsfield). The Brownies outplayed Pittsfield that night, including a torrid final 13 minutes when the Generals hung on for dear life. "Sometimes it just isn't your night," she said.

Now she'll concentrate on basketball where she is an All-Western Mass. point guard on a powerful Brownie team. Then it will be softball and another turn in Coach Deb Lickley's lineup as an All-Western Mass. shortstop.

She was the Division I Player of the Year in 1996. Kristen is the daughter of Jack & Kathy Patterson of Wrenwood Lane.



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AHS Cheerleaders Ready For Turkey Game



IN PHOTO LEFT, Agawam High varsity cheerleader Coach Kim Hebert is pictured with her two captains - Kristin Ferguson and Michelle Kowalewski. IN PHOTO RIGHT, senior class members - Lonnie DeLuca, Kristin Ferguson, Michelle Kowalewski, Sheree Cardin, and Kadie Barrington. RELATED PHOTOS ON NEXT PAGE. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



YOUR 1997 AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL cheerleaders are ready to stand up and cheer for the Brownies against arch-rival West Springfield on Thanksgiving morning. Back row, from left - Jessica Forni, Aimee Piccin, Rachel Lara, Jenna Bodurtha, Kristin Ferguson, Ashley Guil, Bianca Chase, Ashlee Lorraine, Lauren DeLuca, and Coach Kim Hebert. Front row - Kate Chmura, Michelle Heim, Lonnie DeLuca, Kadie Barrington, Michelle Kowalewski, Sheree Cardin, Ella Atkins, Michelle Beaudette, and Lauren Piccin. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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AHS JV Cheerleaders Enjoy Fine Fall



MEMBERS OF THE AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL junior varsity cheerleaders have enjoyed a strong fall season. IN PHOTO LEFT, senior class members include Jen Rendrick and Erin Ottomaniello; in photo right, JV Captain Erin Ottomaniello is pictured with Coach Melissa Almquist. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Sign-Ups For Ag. Wrestling Club

Forms for the Agawam Wrestling Club are available in the Agawam Parks & Recreation Office between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. For further information, contact Dan Sullivan (786-6265) or Kirk Parker.

Skate & Ski Sale By Longmeadow Lions

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by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Thinking About Thanksgiving...

Thanksgiving morning will find hundreds of pheasant hunters afield in hopes of finishing out the season with traditional style.

It has always been traditional for myself and my hunting companions to get out and enjoy a morning hunt on Thanksgiving Day. Of course, just to be safe, my lovely wife, Peggy, cooked a turkey anyway.

In years past, the Thanksgiving Day turkey was usually supplemented with a freshly harvested pheasant. It was just sort of a traditional kind of thing that too many of our youngsters have grown up without.

A sportsman's Thanksgiving Day hunt was a reminder of the first Thanksgiving. A Thanksgiving feast first had to be harvested and prepared. The feast was not just an excuse for overeating, but was a celebration in appreciation of God's

love and nature's bounty.

Unfortunately, today we have allowed the commercialization of our holidays and celebrations to the extent that our youth seldom recognize the true meaning of the day. Our country's first settlers did not have the luxury of hunting and fishing for recreation; they hunted and fished for their survival.

In the modern world, supermarkets and food emporiums offer complete Thanksgiving dinners to go; just pop in the microwave and serve. Everything is convenience at all cost, and it seems that we just can't get everything done and over with fast enough.

America's sportsmen are the exception. It is our hunters and fishermen who spend time communing with nature and appreciate mankind's relationship with the food chain and nature's delicate balances.

On Thanksgiving Day, whether you take to the field or content yourself with being an armchair quarterback, slow down a bit and think of all the blessings we have. Be thankful for our families and friends. Be thankful for the "old timers" who shared their love of the outdoors with us and left a legacy of outdoor lore and fond memories after they passed on.

Thursday morning will find me working the edges of a corn field or pushing through a field of snow-laden grasses in back of an eager young bird dog. Give a wave and say hello. I'll be the guy in the orange hat.

Have a safe and enjoyable Thanksgiving holiday.

Canata Completes Jr. Season At AIC

Agawam High School graduate Matt Canata recently finished his junior year as a member of the 1997 American International College men's soccer team.

Canata, a midfielder, played under first year head Coach Fred Balbino. The Yellow Jackets were in a rebuilding mode this past fall, finishing 3-15 but showed many signs of continued improvement.

A total of 16 first-year players suited up this past season and contributed over 80 percent of the team's offensive production, showing the great promise that exists for the future of men's soccer at AIC.

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Melanie Guillemette Ends Sophomore Year On AIC Field Hockey

Melanie Guillemette of Feeding Hills, a 1996 graduate of Agawam High School, recently completed her sophomore season as a member of the new American International College women's field hockey team. Guillemette played halfback for the Lady Yellow Jackets.

Under first year Coach Nancy McShea, the Yellow Jackets finished 2-11 in the school's second season as a varsity program. The team is losing no seniors to graduation and is looking forward to the 1998 fall season.

Cindy Fontanilles Opens Strong For AIC Women's Hoop

Former Agawam High School Division I Schoolgirl Basketball "Player of the Year" Cindy (Stone) Fontanilles helped the American International College women's varsity basketball team open the 1997-1998 season with a 78-71 home victory against LIU-Southampton on Sunday, November 16th.

Fontanilles, a junior forward, hit 63.6 percent of her shots from the floor (7-11) for 16 points. She also added 6 rebounds for the Lady Yellow Jackets.

For her efforts, Fontanilles was later named to the first weekly Northeast-10 Honor Roll.

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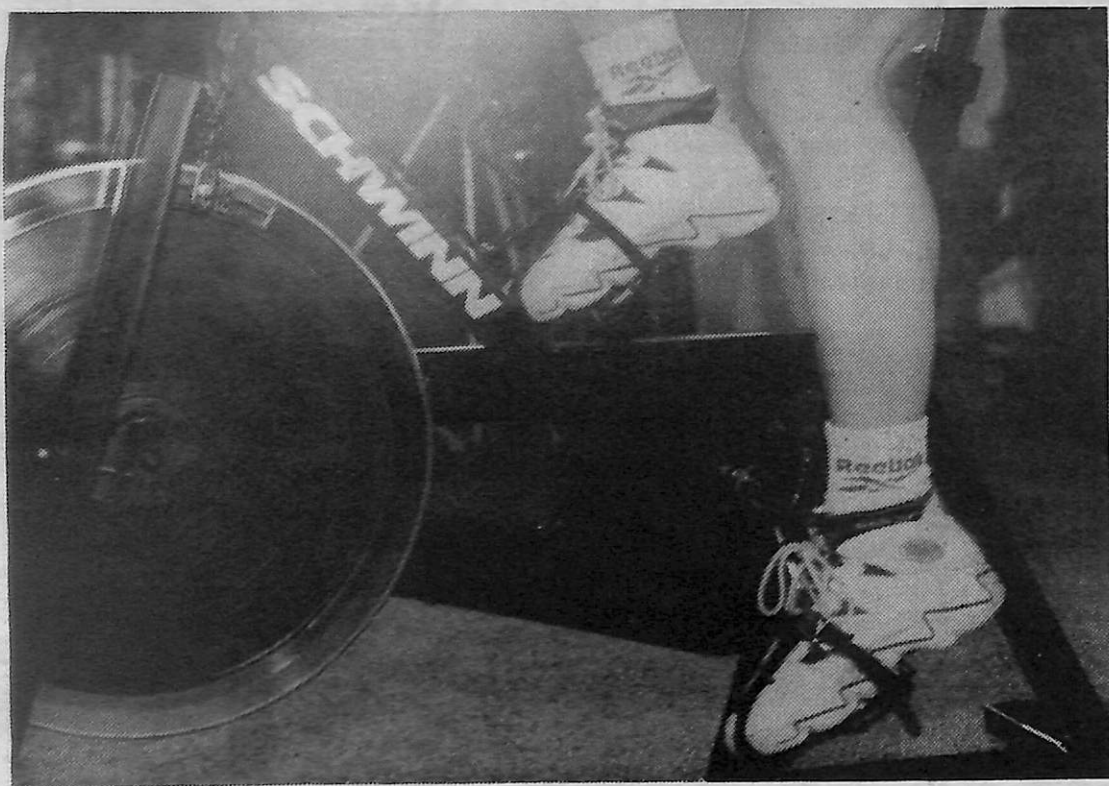
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Brownies Lead All-Time Series 48-21-3... Gallagher Looking For 1,000 Yards On Ground...

West Side Coming To Town For Annual Thanksgiving Show

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Play it again, Sam. You know, that Turkey Day tune that has been number one on the Agawam/West Springfield football charts for 73 years — the annual battle between the Brownie and Terrier gridiron virtuosos.

It will be a bit different than last year's 29-12 Agawam High School win. Then, the Brownies were coming into the game with four wins in their last five games and were looking for a .500 season. The Terriers were 5-5 and trying not to sink below .500. This time around, both teams are simply looking for respectability. Agawam is 2-6-1. The Terriers are marching to the tune of 1-9.

Yet there is a similarity, at least for the Brownies, between now and a year ago. Last season, All-Western Mass tailback Jeff Blews needed a good showing against the Terriers to reach the 1,000-yard plateau. He did it with a spectacular 214 yards, which included runs of 89 and 93 yards, to finish up with 1,089.

Current Brownie tailback Brian Gallagher, a junior, is in much the same boat. The big guy will come in with 899 yards. So, a good day will give him the magic number.

However, similarities, disparities, and irregularities aside, a win — as it always does — will make a season. When it's over, the turkey and the rest of the day will either taste like fillet or be swallowed with a bitter pill.

Agawam senior lineman Darrell Malachowski put it well: "They're coming to our house and we don't plan on being the best of hosts. It's an emotional game. A win is what all of us want. It will make a bad year good and a good year great."

A Look At The Stats...

If you look at the Terriers' stats, the reason for their poor showing will jump up and bite you — 304 points allowed as opposed to 150 points made. That's 30.4 ppg and 15.0 ppg, respectively. Even Custer would have stayed home with numbers like that.

The Brownies' 242 points allowed isn't much of an improvement. But they accomplished their generosity in only nine games (26.8). Also, in nine games, the Brownies managed 146 (16.2).

Is there a pattern here? Coach Dean Vecchiarelli looked at the stats and seemed optimistic. "It will be nice to play a team that has given up more points than us."

The Terriers run out of the Wing-T, one of the oldest offenses in football. They have three basic weapons. Junior Chris Barker (5'11", 185) is one of their quarterbacks. "He's their run guy," Vecchiarelli noted. "When he's calling the signals,

you can look for a lot of options." Barker has eight TD's this year. "We've been working on stopping the option play," the coach added.

Then there is 6'2", 180-pound Bob Arnett. "They stick him under center when they want to throw," Vecchiarelli said. Arnett can put up some big numbers. Against Minnechaug (a 44-30 loss), he went 25 of 41 for 312 yards and three TD's. He was 15-24, two TD's, and 190 yards in a 27-17 loss to Cathedral. Wide receiver Scott Kelly, a six-foot, 185-pound junior, can catch a football with the best of them.

To stop the attack, Agawam plans to put a lot of people on the line. They also run blitz quite a bit. When Carter is in there, they'll back off.

An Aggressive Terrier Defense...

The West Side defense is a 4-4. "They are very aggressive, with different blitz schemes," Vecchiarelli noted. One has to wonder how sophomore quarterback Brian St. Jean will react to that. He's already thrown 13 interceptions to go with six TD tosses in this learning season. Most of the pics came when the dogs were after him.

He does have some excellent receivers on his side. Eric Melbourne (16 - 214) and Mike Wing (19 -

464-3) are both seniors and have experience. Sophomore Jason Daigneau (9 - 106) is also a target at times.

Agawam's offensive line of right guard George Graves, left guard Ryan Wilson, left tackle Darrell Malachowski, right tackle Mike Aloisi, and center Eric Pederson will have to play heads-up in this one. They'll also have to open those holes for Gallagher because there is a good chance he'll see a lot of the football on Thursday morning.

Malachowski noted that they had been working on some new looks for this one. "They won't expect them," the big redhead said.

In the end, this one will be hard to predict. Even the home field advantage doesn't mean much since the towns are side-by-side.

Therefore, whoever wants it more will get it.

They have played three common opponents this season: Minnechaug, a 35-20 Agawam win, a 44-30 Terrier loss; Cathedral, a 34-6 Brownie loss, a 27-17 West Side loss; and Northampton, a 19-6 Agawam defeat, a 24-6 West Springfield loss.

The Brownies lead the 72-game series, 48-21-3. Game time is 10:00 a.m. A huge crowd is expected. Get there early and dress warm.

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Profile...

Vinnie Curto Looks Forward To Last Football Game As A Brownie

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If junior tailback Brian Gallagher does indeed break the 1,000-yard barrier against West Side on Turkey Day, he'll have to thank, in part, his fullback senior, Vinnie Curto. A lot of those guys flipping over like dominoes in front of the big tailback were sent on their unscheduled trip to the turf by the 5'7", 175-pound blocking back.

Vinnie is a senior and 17 years-old. He'll turn 18 next July 17th. He's attended Agawam High School for four years.

He's taking a big class load, including algebra, conceptual physics, practical law, psychology, creative writing, and contemporary history.

Practical law and psychology are his favorite courses. Varsity assistant football Coach Bill Moore (practical law) and Ed Merrill (psychology) are his top teachers.

Vinnie plans to stay in the area for college, first STCC or HCC, then Springfield College. Someday, he would like to be a physical education teacher and a football coach.

His only sport is football at AHS. "I've been playing it since I was in the fourth grade," Vinnie noted.

His most memorable sports moment came this year against Minnechaug. Agawam came out on top, 35-20, for their first win of the season. Vinnie had a fine day, rushing for 32 yards on seven carries and scoring a TD on a nine-yard run. He also saw pay dirt on a two-yard pass.

"... A Memory For Years To Come ..."

He has this read on the upcoming game with

West Springfield at Harmon Smith Field: "A win will make us all go out happy. We might not have had a great season, but I'll take it with a victory over West Side. My brother, Tom, told me it will be a memory for years to come."

Vinnie's favorite chow is chicken parmesan.

Black tops his color list.

His super set of wheels? "My 1986 Jeep CJ-7," he smiles.

Mike Alstot, the young and bruising Tampa Bay Buccaneer running back who destroyed the Patriots on November 15th, is his favorite athlete. Because, he says, "Mike is big, tough, fast, and strong." While the Bucs might have someone he likes, the Patriots are the team he likes in the pros.

His favorite place to hang out — his friends' houses.

Comfortable stuff like jeans, sweaters, and dress boots are his duds.

"I like just about everything in music," he admits, but Pink Floyd is close to the top of his list. ESPN's Sports Center tops the tube for Vinnie. "The Program" is his favorite flick.

His brother, Mike, is the person he looks up to most. "Mike played football at Agawam. He was a center and linebacker and was very good," Vinnie explained. "Mike graduated in 1990."

How would Vinnie Curto want to be remembered when his days at AHS are over? "That I gave everything I had and was a good student-athlete," he added.



VINNIE CURTO, a senior fullback for the Agawam High School football team, hopes the annual Thanksgiving Day game will end on a victorious note for the Brownies. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

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‘Is It Winter Already???’...

Agawam Grounds Crew ‘Tackles’ A Snowy Football Field At AHS

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

They say when the going gets tough, the tough get going. Being tough also takes some imagination. The Agawam grounds crew had a big job two days before the Agawam High/Chicopee Comp football game — clear Harmon Smith Field, which had been hit by the sudden, mini-blizzard of rain, sleet, ice, and snow on Friday, November 14.

It was a tricky deal which took 12 hours (six on Monday and six on Tuesday). Tricky, because you don't just move plowing equipment onto a football field. After all, it's not like there's concrete under the snow and ice. One false move with that plow and you got mini-Grand Canyons where the kids are supposed to play on the town's most coveted turf.

Mike Piccin, the head of the grounds crew, took three trucks, two snowblowers, and 10 of his best men up to the High School to tackle the job.

"You have to be very careful how you approach something like that. There was a layer of dust over the snow, which we plowed off very gently," Piccin said.

He mentioned that a man went beside each truck and directed the plow so it wouldn't take a fateful dip. After that had been accomplished, they had to get those heavy vehicles gently off the field so they wouldn't dig in. But that was only part of the battle. There was still plenty of snow on the field.

Two 50-inch snowblowers then went into action. Slowly, they began to work in a circle, gently blowing the remainder of the snow away. It was a long, tedious job. "Those guys must have walked 20 miles to get that job done. When they came off the field they were shaking, not because they were cold, but because those big blowers vibrate so much," Piccin said.

The Real Challenge For The Grounds Crew...

But the real challenge became apparent when

they came back Tuesday to finish the job. "We had about 80 yards of the field complete. It looked like clear sailing from then on. We walked out there and the snow we hadn't cleared had turned to solid ice. No snowblower could get through that. For a while, I thought about going to Kathy McSweeney (AHS Athletic Director) and telling her they might have to play 80-yard football against Comp," he laughed.

Then, Piccin and crew started thinking about how to solve the problem. "We have this big aerator that weighs about 1,500 pounds. It has prongs on it that are designed to penetrate the ground. It seemed like a good idea. And sure

enough, it worked," he said. After that, the snowblowers finished the job.

Well, not quite. They still had to paint the borders and lines. "That took two guys pulling and pushing the painters," Piccin noted. The grounds crew got a workout but came through with an A-plus for effort and ingenuity. The field looked great and played great in Agawam's 16-16 tie with the Colts. It should be in excellent shape, as well, when West Springfield comes calling Thursday morning.

Piccin and company already are beginning that process and are keeping their fingers crossed for good weather before the game.



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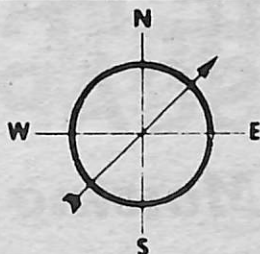
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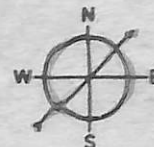
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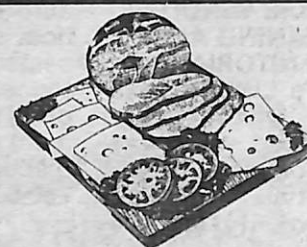
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